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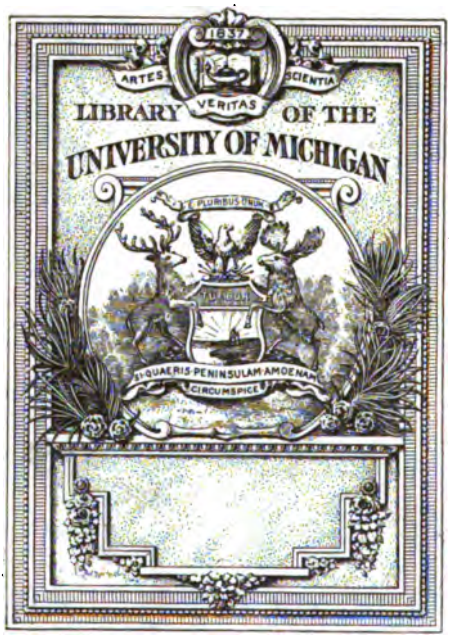
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JOURNAL.

The ninety-eighth General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday in January, being the third day thereof, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and first. And the members-elect of the House of Representatives having assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, were called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Mr. Emory Washburn of Cambridge, the senior member-elect present. Preliminary organization.

By request of the presiding officer, prayer was offered by the Rev. Benj. S. Batchelor of New Bedford, a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the House has been called to order.

Messrs. Washburn of Worcester, Rice of Danvers, Madden of Boston, Cobb of Dedham, and Russell of Lowell were appointed the committee.

Thereupon the Secretary transmitted to the House a list of all the persons returned as representatives, with the original certificates of their election, which had been returned to his office.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Clerk call the roll of the House, for the purpose of ascertaining if a quorum be present.

The roll was called, and two hundred and thirteen members having answered to their names, the Chair declared a quorum present.

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On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Organization.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled, and that the members are ready to be qualified.

Messrs. Hale of Boston, Walden of Lynn, Cogswell of Leicester, Dunham of Pittsfield, and Johnson of Brookfield were appointed.

Oaths administered.

Soon afterwards, His Excellency the Governor, with the Council and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, came in, and the oaths and affirmations required by the Constitution and the laws were administered by His Excellency to the members present, and subscribed by them; after which the Governor, the Council, and the Secretary withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers,—

Speaker elected.

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Speaker.

Messrs. Rice of Danvers, Osborn of Fall River, Prescott of Boston, Hawkes of Lynn, Whitehouse of Boston, and Snow of Barnstable were appointed.

Mr. Rice, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes, ...	216	
Necessary for a choice, ...	109	
John D. Long of Hingham, ...		216

And Mr. Long having been elected, declaration was made accordingly, and the Speaker was conducted to the chair by a committee consisting of Messrs. Hale of Boston and Bird of Walpole, and spoke as follows:—

I thank you, gentlemen, for this unanimous confidence. The experience of a former session has confirmed my respect for the House of Representatives and my appreciation of the honor it is to preside over it. In the discharge of my office, involving such a variety of considerations that the very endeavor to do justice to all must cause disappointment to some, I must ask your generous forbearance. I bring you little else than a desire to be faithful to my duty and fair to you, and a persistent and vigorous coöperation with you in despatching the business of the people we represent.

I foresee no press of matters that need detain us long. I count bravely on another short session. A year ago the

Legislature held with unprecedented fidelity to the rules, which forbid the introduction of new business after the 22d of February, and require all committees to report by the 22d of March, and the session was over in April. We can do better, especially if, as I make bold to suggest, each of those limitations be shortened a week. If, on the one hand, our committees delay their reports till the last day for making them, we shall indeed comply with the rule, but there will then be crowded into the closing days of the session, as happened a year ago, the weightiest matters and the longest debates, and there will be unexpected protraction of business. But if, on the other hand, during the months of January and February, when our sittings are less occupied, our committees will each day report something for discussion, we can then at once mature and complete so many matters, that we shall avoid the unwieldy accumulation of business which usually impedes the final adjournment. Then, with all the reports made by the 15th of March, with most of those reports already then disposed of by reason of their having come earlier in, and with no new business after the 15th of February, we can disperse in less than one hundred days. This, however, will of course demand the most industrious attendance,—you always at your posts, myself always at mine. I say all this in the interest, not of hasty legislation, but of legislation so systematically arranged and advanced, that while nothing is done in haste, while everything is done with deliberation, no time is lost, and the whole work is at once speedily and thoroughly accomplished. It is at the heel of protracted sessions, under the pressure of terminating abruptly at last what is already too long, that hasty legislation is most likely to occur. If you will permit me, I should like from time to time to call together the chairmen of committees, for the purpose of promoting the common progress in the manner I have indicated.

I will not detain you longer. The interests of the Commonwealth are in our hands. To us it looks for that wise economy, that prudent legislation, which will subserve the prosperity of the people. It looks to us, its paid and trusted servants, for simple, honest work. To us, too, it looks, in the present national crisis, to express, if need be, the ancient faith of Massachusetts in the integrity and value of the American Republic.

On motion of Mr. Pope of Somerville,—

Clerk elected.

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Clerk.

Messrs. Pope of Somerville, Smith of Fall River, Patch of Lynn, Wing of Yarmouth, Wells of Boston, and Sanderson of Littleton were appointed.

Mr. Pope, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes, ...	216	
Necessary for a choice, ...	109	
George A. Marden of Lowell, . . .		216

And Mr. Marden, having been elected, was conducted to the Council Chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. Noyes of Boston. And having been qualified by taking the oaths required, report was made accordingly to the House, and the Clerk entered upon the discharge of his duties.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Senate notified.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Senate that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Messrs. Allen of Boston, McCafferty of Worcester, Bowen of Leominster, Hall of Boston, and Osborn of Fall River were appointed.

Mr. Allen, of the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Cambridge,—

Governor notified.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inform the Governor and Council that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Messrs. Washburn of Cambridge, Bird of Walpole, Sleeper of Cambridge, Pillsbury of Boston, and Knowlton of New Bedford were appointed.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

Senate organized.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that that branch had been organized by the election of John B. D. Cogswell of the Cape District as President and Stephen N. Gifford of Duxbury as Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Hour of meeting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it adjourn to

meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Heywood of Worcester,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort and count the votes for Sergeant-at-Arms. Sergeant-at-Arms.

Messrs. Heywood of Worcester, Noyes of Boston, Osgood of Salem, Buckminster of New Bedford, Whitney of Belmont, and Wilder of Lowell were appointed.

Mr. Heywood, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes, ...	226	
Necessary for a choice, ...	114	
Oreb F. Mitchell of Bridgewater, . . .		226

And Mr. Mitchell was declared elected on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that O. F. Mitchell of Bridgewater had been elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of that branch.

Mr. Heywood of Worcester was appointed a committee to inform the Senate of the election of O. F. Mitchell as Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. White of Boston,—

Ordered, That to-morrow, at half-past 11 o'clock, A. M., be assigned for the election of Chaplain. Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole,—

Ordered, That the rules and orders of the House of Representatives of 1876 be adopted as the rules and orders of the present House until otherwise ordered. Rules and orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the members of the joint committee on rules and orders, on the part of the House, prepare rules and orders for the government of the House. Ib.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches inform Capt. O. F. Mitchell of his election as Sergeant-at-Arms of the General Court for the present political year. Sergeant-at-Arms.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint rules and orders of the two branches, of last year, be observed until otherwise ordered. Joint rules.

Joint rules.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches.

Messrs. Bowman, Stone and Brimhall having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Hale of Boston, Bird of Walpole, Lee of Boston, Osgood of Salem, Dewey of Great Barrington, Dunham of Pittsfield, Washburn of Worcester, and Hannum of Cambridge were joined on the part of the House.

Votes for Governor, etc.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, and Attorney-General be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

Messrs. Hill, Breed and Jewett having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Clapp of Easthampton, Tompkins of Boston, Warren of Boston, Goulding of Worcester, Read of Lowell, Bird of Natick, Mann of Randolph, and Taylor of Haverhill were joined on the part of the House.

Votes for Councillors.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Councillors in the several councillor districts of the Commonwealth be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of two on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

Messrs. Gregory and Lynde having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Sleeper of Malden, Kimball of Revere, Reynolds of Monson, Wilde of Concord, Daniels of Oxford, Winship of Wakefield, Freeman of New Marlborough, and Mahony of Boston were joined on the part of the House.

Public Worship.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Public worship.

Ordered, That a joint committee of five on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and the Council, and inform them that the members of the two branches are now in readiness to attend public worship.

Messrs. Fuller of Boston, Wilson of Taunton, Knowlton of New Bedford, Gilmore of Stoneham, and Dunham of Pittsfield were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up to be joined.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee, afterwards reported that His Excellency the Governor had signified that he would join the two branches in attendance upon public worship at once.

At 1.50, P. M., the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 4, 1877.

Met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Rice of Danvers, a member of the House.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Members qualified.

Messrs. Shortle of Provincetown, Fairbank of Oakham, Swett of Wellfleet, Dewey of Great Barrington, and Martin of Southbridge, representatives-elect, being present and ready to be qualified, a committee, consisting of Mr. Babson of Gloucester, was appointed, who conducted them to the Council Chamber, and having been duly qualified, report was made accordingly.

Orders.

Printing of the journal.

On motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to begin the printing of the journal of the House, and that five hundred copies of the same be printed.

Daily papers.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be directed to procure for the use of the House two copies each of the Boston, Springfield and Worcester morning papers, one copy each of the Boston evening papers, and one daily paper from each other city of the Commonwealth where a daily paper is published, the same to be filed and placed in the room adjoining the post-office.

Papers from the Senate.

Votes for state officers.

The report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and other state officers, was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence as follows:—

For Governor.

Alexander H. Rice of Boston,	137,665
Charles Francis Adams of Quincy,	106,850
John I. Baker of Beverly,	12,274
All others,	115

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton,	140,475
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield,	108,039
Daniel C. Eddy of Boston,	10,169
All others,	32

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington,	141,853
Weston Howland of Fairhaven,	107,839
David B. Gurney of South Abington,	8,773
All others,	509

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Charles Endicott of Canton,	142,210
David N. Skillings of Winchester,	115,459
All others,	545

For Auditor of the Commonwealth.

Julius L. Clarke of Newton,	142,079
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston,	107,221
Jonathan H. Orne of Marblehead,	8,863
All others,	148

For Attorney-General.

Charles R. Train of Boston,	141,260
Richard Olney of Boston,	107,185
Orin T. Gray of Hyde Park,	8,882
All others,	22

And the following-named persons appear by the returns to be duly elected :—

Governor.—Alexander H. Rice of Boston.

Lieutenant-Governor.—Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.—Henry B. Peirce of Abington.

Treasurer and Receiver-General.—Charles Endicott of Canton.

Auditor of Commonwealth.—Julius L. Clarke of Newton.

Attorney-General.—Charles R. Train of Boston.

The report of the joint committee on the votes for Councillors was received from the Senate, and accepted in concurrence. It appeared from said report that the following-named gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to wit:— Votes for Councillors.

District No. 1. Joseph K. Baker of Dennis.
No. 2. Harrison Tweed of Taunton.
No. 3. Francis Childs of Boston.
No. 4. Hugh J. Toland of Boston.
No. 5. William Cogswell of Bradford.
No. 6. Joseph A. Harwood of Littleton.
No. 7. George Whitney of Royalston.
No. 8. William C. Plunkett of Adams.

Special Assignment.

At half-past 11 o'clock, the House proceeded to consider the special assignment, being the election of a Chaplain for the House. Chaplain.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. White of Boston, Taylor of Haverhill, Warren of Boston, Tappan of Manchester, Keyes of Lowell, and Train of Boston a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Chaplain.

Mr. White, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes, ...	199	
Necessary for a choice, ...	100	
Rev. R. G. Seymour of Boston, . . .		84
Rev. Geo. E. Hall of Littleton, . . .		43
Rev. Joseph Cook of Boston, ...		31
Rev. Peter A. McKenna of Hudson, . .		20
Rev. W. M. Cornell of Boston, . . .		7
Rev. F. A. Warfield of Boston, . . .		3
Rev. Owen Street of Lowell, ...		2
Scattering, ...		9

And there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston, the Rev. Robert G. Seymour of Boston was declared the Chaplain of the House for 1877. Ib.

Chaplain notified.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to inform the Rev. Robert G. Seymour of Boston that he has been elected Chaplain of the House for the year 1877.

Papers from the Senate.

Governor and Lieutenant-Governor qualified.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to be joined, to inform the Hon. Alexander H. Rice that he has been elected, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will be ready to attend upon him, in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution, and a law of the United States, to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit the convenience.

Also, to inform the Hon. Horatio G. Knight that he has been duly elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution, to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit his convenience.

Messrs. Russell, Adams and Holmes having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Noyes of Boston, Ellis of Ashland, Walden of Lynn, Madden of Boston, Sanborn of Lawrence, Lovell of Worcester, Canfield of Stockbridge, and Mackintosh of Needham were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. Noyes, from the committee, afterwards reported that the committee had waited upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and that they had signified their acceptance of the office, and their readiness to be qualified at the earliest convenience of the two branches.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect.

The proposition was concurred in, and Mr. Rice of Danvers was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

Joint Convention.

Joint convention.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and, the two branches being in convention, a committee,

consisting of Messrs. Crane, Bowman, and White of the Senate, and Messrs. Dewey of Great Barrington, Brackett of Boston, Patch of Lynn, Wells of Boston, and Merritt of Ashburnham of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and inform them that the two branches are now in joint convention, and are ready to attend to the administration of the oaths of office.

Mr. Crane, from the committee, afterwards reported that the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect would immediately attend upon the House.

The Governor and Lieutenant-Governor then came in, accompanied by various civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

The oaths and affirmations of office were then, in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, administered to and subscribed by the Hon. Alexander H. Rice as Governor and the Hon. Horatio G. Knight as Lieutenant-Governor, and proclamation thereof was made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency then delivered an address to the Senators and Representatives.

After which the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor withdrew, the convention was dissolved, and the Senate withdrew to its chamber.

Councillors Qualified.

Councillors qualified.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Messrs. Joseph K. Baker, Harrison Tweed, Francis Childs, Hugh J. Toland, William Cogswell, Joseph A. Harwood, George Whitney, and William C. Plunkett, that they have been duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

A communication was subsequently received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, announcing that the Councillors-elect had signified their acceptance of the office, and were ready to be qualified.

A message was received from the Senate, proposing a joint convention forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Councillors-elect.

The proposition was concurred in, and Mr. Lee of Boston was charged with a message to the Senate to that effect.

Joint Convention.

Joint convention.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and, the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Brimhall and Weld of the Senate, and Messrs. Batchelor of New Bedford, Low of Chelsea, Tompkins of Boston, White of Boston, and Osgood of Salem of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Councillors-elect, and inform them that the two Houses are in joint convention for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them for office.

Soon afterwards the Councillors-elect, Messrs. Baker, Tweed, Childs, Toland, Cogswell, Harwood, Whitney, and Plunkett, came in, and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by them, and declaration was made accordingly.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate withdrew to its chamber.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford,—

Governor to be notified.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Messrs. Joseph K. Baker, Harrison Tweed, Francis Childs, Hugh J. Toland, William Cogswell, Joseph A. Harwood, George Whitney and William C. Plunkett have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Governor's address.

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of nine on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's address.

Messrs. Hale of Boston, Bird of Walpole, Lee of Boston, Osgood of Salem, Dewey of Great Barrington, Dunham of Pittsfield, Washburn of Worcester, Hannum of Cambridge, and Pillsbury of Boston were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up to be joined.

Adjourned at 3.02, P. M.

FRIDAY, January 5, 1877.

Met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. R. G. Seymour, having accepted the office of Chaplain, appeared, and prayer was offered by him.

Members qualified.

Messrs. Wade of Newton and Stone of Newburyport, representatives-elect, being present and ready to be qualified, committees were appointed, who conducted them to the Council Chamber, and having been duly qualified, report was made in each case accordingly.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Reading of journal.

Ordered, That hereafter the reading of the journal of the House be dispensed with, unless specially called for.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Hour of meeting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet on Monday, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and that hereafter that be the hour of meeting, except on Saturdays, when the hour shall be 11 o'clock, A. M., until otherwise ordered.

Papers from the Senate.

Governor's address.

The report of the joint special committee appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's address, was read and accepted in concurrence, as follows:—

That so much of said address as relates to savings banks be referred to the joint standing committee on Banks and Banking.

So much thereof as relates to statistics of labor and the decennial census, to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to insurance, to the joint standing committee on Insurance.

So much thereof as relates to health and vital statistics, to the metric system, to education, and to the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, to the joint standing committee on Education.

So much thereof as relates to state charities, to the joint standing committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

So much thereof as relates to county jails and to the woman's prison, to the joint standing committee on Prisons.

So much thereof as relates to a new catalogue for the state library, to the joint standing committee on the Library.

So much thereof as relates to harbors and to the South Boston flats, to the joint standing committee on Harbors.

So much thereof as relates to the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy & Greenfield Railroad, to a joint special committee, to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to railroads, to the joint standing committee on Railroads.

So much thereof as relates to the militia, to the joint standing committee on Military Affairs.

So much thereof as relates to centennial matters, to a joint special committee, to consist of two on the part of the Senate and five on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to the judicial system of the State and to coroners, to a joint special committee, to consist of the members of the standing committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House.

The following Order was adopted in concurrence, under suspension of the 23d joint rule:—

Extra copies of Governor's address.

Ordered, That five thousand extra copies of the Governor's address be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Report of a Committee.

Joint rules and orders.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches, recommending the adoption of the joint rules and orders of the session of 1876, with amendments as follows: In the first rule, striking out the words, "and except the committee on the Library, which by law is to consist of three on the part of each House; and." In the twentieth rule, inserting after the word "presented," the words, "in either House"; after the word "February," the words, "and all other subjects of legislation which shall be proposed or introduced after the first day of March"; and at the end of the rule adding the words, "such concurrent vote to be had by both Houses before any further action on the matter is taken by either."

Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

At 11.30, adjourned.

MONDAY, January 8, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, Mr. Wade of Newton was granted leave of absence for five days.

Leave of absence granted Mr. Wade of Newton.

Mr. Goulding of Worcester, a representative-elect, being present and ready to be qualified, a committee, consisting of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, was appointed, who conducted him to the Council Chamber, and Mr. Goulding having been duly qualified, report was made accordingly.

Member qualified.

Committees Appointed.

The Speaker appointed the standing committees of the House, as follows:—

Standing committees of the House.

Judiciary.—Messrs. Washburn of Cambridge, Hill of Boston, McCafferty of Worcester, Fuller of Boston, Wade of Newton, Pillsbury of Boston, Goulding of Worcester.

Probate and Chancery.—Messrs. Allen of Boston, Knowlton of New Bedford, Perry of Medford, Sanborn of Lawrence, Wentworth of Boston, Fairbank of Oakham, Hillis of Maynard.

Finance.—Messrs. Stone of Newburyport, Bird of Walpole, Buckminster of New Bedford, Bigelow of Boston, Johnson of Brookfield, Gilmore of Stoneham, Wheeler of Orange.

Elections.—Messrs. Knowlton of New Bedford, Winslow of Middleborough, Wilde of Concord, Babson of Boston, Ingalls of Adams, Perry of Springfield, Pierce of Methuen.

Bills in the Third Reading.—Messrs. Cobb of Dedham, Jenkins of Boston, Newton of Bolton, Mooney of Boston, Gleason of Billerica, Penney of Lynn, Murphy of Marlborough.

Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Tappan of Manchester, Morse of Williamsburg, Donald of Andover, Cone of Chester, Hallet of Mansfield, Doane of Harwich, Curley of Boston.

County Estimates.—Messrs. Studley of Rockland, Reed of Dartmouth, Cogswell of Ipswich, Cunningham of Somerville, Bearse of Falmouth, Barton of Dalton, Lovell of Worcester.

Pay Roll.—Messrs. Bartlett of Peabody, Lovell of Weymouth, Barnes of Plymouth, Bodurtha of Agawam, Gross of Lee, Allen of Freetown, Brown of Boston.

Leave of Absence.—Messrs. Freeman of New Marlborough, Bartlett of Sterling, Batchelder of Middleton, Bickford of Boston, Richards of Lynn, Doherty of Boston, O'Sullivan of Worcester.

Public Buildings.—Messrs. Richards of Springfield, Walker of Royalston, Emery of Lawrence, Keyes of Lowell, Pitman of Swampscott, Glynn of Boston, Lessey of Amherst.

Rules and Orders.—Messrs. Hale of Boston, Osgood of Salem, Roads of Marblehead, Quirk of Boston, Tuttle of Milford, Luther of Rehoboth, Lonergan of Canton.

Joint Standing Committees.

Joint standing committees.

In concurrence, the joint standing committees were appointed, as follows :—

Agriculture.—Messrs. Gregory and Lynde, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Mackintosh of Needham, Sessions of Wilbraham, Kimball of Enfield, Farnum of Cheshire, Egleston of Westfield, *of the House.*

Banks and Banking.—Messrs. Brimhall, Holmes and Mayhew, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Babson of Gloucester, Osborn of Fall River, Atherton of Boston, Winship of Wakefield, Kinsman of Winchester, Thomas of Brookline, Newton of Holyoke, Barker of Quincy, *of the House.*

Claims.—Messrs. Hill, Jewett and Garfield, *of the Senate.* Messrs. White of Boston, Pope of Somerville, Clark of Springfield, Baley of Amesbury, Madden of Boston, Swain of Nantucket, Lawrence of Groton, Flagg of Millbury, *of the House.*

Education.—Messrs. Moors and Saunders, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Rice of Danvers, Clapp of Easthampton, Wilson of Taunton, Russell of Lowell, Laws of Brockton, *of the House.*

Federal Relations.—Messrs. Kellogg and Ewing, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Dewey of Great Barrington, Bird of Walpole, Hathaway of Taunton, Thayer of Blackstone, Read of Lowell, *of the House.*

The Fisheries.—Messrs. Howes and Holmes, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Swett of Wellfleet, Wells of Boston, Morse of Somerville, Bates of Cohasset, Sargent of Chelmsford, *of the House.*

Harbors.—Messrs. Sleeper, Hill, and Allen, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Hall of Boston, Shortle of Provincetown, Sleeper of Cambridge, Holley of Edgartown, Gray of Fall River, Walsh of Boston, Marchant of Rockport, Robinson of Chelsea, *of the House.*

Insurance.—Messrs. Crane and Barton, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Dunham of Pittsfield, Ranlett of Newton, Gerry of Hyde Park, Snow of Greenfield, Clark of Winchendon, *of the House.*

The Library.—Messrs. Sleeper and Gregory, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Canfield of Stockbridge, Rand of Cambridge, Torrey of Plainfield, Osgood of Northbridge, Hallinan of Boston, *of the House.*

Manufactures.—Messrs. Weld and Whicher, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Johnson of Holliston, Ray of Franklin, Adams of Townsend, Pierce of West Boylston, Dean of Attleborough, *of the House.*

Mercantile Affairs.—Messrs. Crane, Rand and Truell, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Noyes of Boston, Randall of Waltham, Ellis of Springfield, Hartshorn of Malden, Anthony of Adams, Shaw of Braintree, Low of Chelsea, Tilton of Haverhill, *of the House.*

Military Affairs.—Messrs. Fiske, Howes and Denny, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Lee of Boston, Spaulding of Northampton, Thayer of Boston, Woodbury of Beverly, Ellis of Melrose, Rogers of Boston, Thurston of Cambridge, Bridges of Deerfield, *of the House.*

Parishes and Religious Societies.—Messrs. Swett and Sherman, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Tompkins of Wrentham, Smith of Fall River, Daniels of Oxford, Delano of Marion, Whitmore of Framingham, *of the House.*

Printing.—Messrs. Fitz Gerald and Mayhew, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Huse of Newburyport, Wing of Yarmouth, Mahony of Boston, Cook of Milford, Whitmore of Montague, *of the House.*

Prisons.—Messrs. Truell, Flatley and Gilbert, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Batchelor of New Bedford, Watts of Taunton, Cook of Boston, Newton of Southborough, Miller of Fitchburg, Bragg of Chicopee, Fox of Boston, Chase of Salem, *of the House.*

Public Charitable Institutions.—Messrs. Denny, Gilbert and Swett, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Washburn of Worcester, Reynolds of Monson, Tompkins of Boston, Prescott of Boston, Lowe of Bridgewater, Train of Boston, Davis of Templeton, Sanderson of Littleton, *of the House.*

Public Lands.—Messrs. Sherman and Sleeper, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Patch of Lynn, Wiswell of Boston, Montague of North Brookfield, Thompson of Woburn, Webster of Northfield, *of the House.*

Railroads.—Messrs. Haynes, Stone and Allen, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Hale of Boston, Heywood of Worcester, Osgood of Salem, Dewey of Great Barrington, Hawkes of Lynn, Whitney of Belmont, Chapin of Boston, Wilder of Lowell, *of the House.*

Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Howes and Garfield, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Kimball of Revere, Bradford of Duxbury, Stickney of Groveland, Cole of Williamstown, Martin of Southbridge, *of the House.*

The State House.—Messrs. Flatley and Morse, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Taylor of Haverhill, Eddy of West Bridgewater, Heustis of Boston, Sheldon of Wilmington, Graham of Boston, *of the House.*

Street Railways.—Messrs. Brown, Jewett and Barton, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Hannum of Cambridge, Perkins of Springfield, Osborn of Fall River, Turner of Boston, Bancroft of Boston, Crossman of Lowell, Melcher of Salem, Newton of Boston, *of the House.*

Towns.—Messrs. Ginnodo and Brown, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Walden of Lynn, Mann of Randolph, Snow of Barnstable, Cogswell of Leicester, Bryant of Pembroke, *of the House.*

Water Supply and Drainage.—Messrs. Stone, Barton and Garfield, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Warren of Boston, Ellis of Ashland, Merritt of Ashburnham, Peters of Boston, Bird of Natick, Hastings of Worcester, Carll of Lowell, Cornish of New Bedford, *of the House.*

Joint Special Committees on the several portions of the Governor's Address.

Joint special committees.

In concurrence, the following joint special committees were appointed :—

Labor and Decennial Census.—Messrs. Brown, Holmes and Morse, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Brackett of Boston, Whitehouse of Boston, Ayer of Lawrence, Nash of Abington, Whitaker of Fall River, Hayden of Weymouth, Kelley of Cambridge, Mellen of Worcester, *of the House.*

Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.—Messrs. Bowman, Kellogg and Weld, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Walden of Lynn, Lee of Boston, Noyes of Bos-

ton, Sleeper of Malden, Bigelow of Boston, Winn of Buckland, Crocker of Fitchburg, Smith of Salem, *of the House.*

Centennial Matters.—Messrs. Denny and Mayhew *of the Senate.* Messrs. Osgood of Salem, Heywood of Worcester, Bowen of Leominster, Dacey of Lawrence, Wilson of Boston, *of the House.*

Revision of the Judicial System.—Messrs. Russell, Bowman, White, Kellogg and Coffin, *of the Senate.* Messrs. Washburn of Cambridge, Hill of Boston, McCafferty of Worcester, Fuller of Boston, Wade of Newton, Pillsbury of Boston, Goulding of Worcester, *of the House.*

Monitors.

The monitors of the House were appointed as follows :— Monitors.

1st Division, . .	Messrs. Pillsbury of Boston, Tompkins of Boston.
2d Division, . .	Messrs. Draper of Douglas, Howard of Easton.
3d Division, . .	Messrs. Merrill of Salisbury, O'Connor of Boston.
4th Division, . .	Messrs. Smith of Gloucester, Dacey of Lawrence.
5th Division, . .	Messrs. Macomber of Fall River, Wright of Holyoke.
6th Division, . .	Messrs. Washburn of Worcester, Desmond of Boston.

Drawing of Seats.

Under the rule, the House then proceeded at once to the drawing of seats, Messrs. Washburn of Cambridge, Tompkins of Boston and Tappan of Manchester being appointed a committee to supervise the same. Seats drawn.

Messrs. Fuller of Boston, Mann of Randolph, Winslow of Middleborough, Wiswell of Boston, Bird of Walpole and Hale of Boston were, on motions made by members, severally allowed to select seats before the drawing began.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of Harmon Hall and others for the extension of the charter of the Saugus Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Saugus Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Mutual Boiler Ins. Co.

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of C. C. Walworth and others for incorporation as the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on Insurance.

N. Y. & N. E. R. R.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, petition of the New York and New England Railroad Company for leave to abandon the upper and lower stations in the town of Norwood. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Boston Light Dragoons.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, petition of Isaac S. Burrell and others, that the Boston Light Dragoons may be reinstated as a company in the militia of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Geo. F. Scribner—20th Middlesex Dist.

By Mr. Wilder of Lowell, petition of George F. Scribner for the seat of representative from the Twentieth Middlesex District.

S. S. McGibbons—11th Essex Dist.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, petition of S. S. McGibbons for a recount of votes for representative in the Eleventh Essex District.

F. P. Merriam—13th Essex Dist.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, petition of Francis P. Merriam for the seat of representative from the Thirteenth Essex District.

E. A. Morse—4th Norfolk Dist.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of Elijah A. Morse of Canton for a recount of the votes for representative in the Fourth Norfolk District.

Severally referred to the committee on Elections.

Steam vehicles on public roads.

By Mr. Kimball of Revere, petition of William G. Clark for legislation allowing the use of vehicles propelled by steam or other motive power on highways. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports, Etc., Referred.

Annual reports.

Thirtieth annual report of the Trustees of the State Reform School.

Twenty-first annual report of the Trustees of the State Industrial School for Girls.

Twenty-first annual report of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton.

Twenty-third annual report of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.

Forty-fourth annual report of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester.

Twenty-third annual report of the Inspectors of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater.

Twenty-third annual report of the Inspectors of the State Primary School at Monson.

Twenty-third annual report of the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

Forty-fifth annual report of the Trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind.

Twenty-ninth annual report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth.

Communications.

Communication from Inspectors of State Almshouse at Tewksbury, asking for authority to transfer money from appropriation for current expenses to pay certain salaries.

Communication from Inspectors of State Almshouse at Tewksbury, asking that the unexpended balance of an appropriation of 1875 may be used toward paying for the erection of a new building.

Severally to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Annual report of the State Agent for Aiding Discharged Convicts.

Annual report of the Board of Inspectors of the Massachusetts State Prison.

Severally to the committee on Prisons.

Twenty-fifth annual report of the Commissioners on Public Lands. To the committee on Public Lands.

Report of the Librarian of the State Library. To the committee on the Library.

Art and science schools.

Memorial of the National Board of Trade for the establishment of Art and Science schools. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Sheriffs.

Abstract of the returns of Sheriffs; and

Registers of deeds.

Abstract of the returns of Registers of Deeds;

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Polls, property, taxes, etc.

Annual abstract of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc.; and a

Secretary's Department.

Statement of the expenses of the Secretary's Department during the year 1876;

Severally to the committee on Finance.

Report of a Committee.

Rules and Orders of the House.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the House committee on Rules and Orders, recommending the adoption by the

House of the rules and orders of the session of 1876, with the following amendments: In the sixty-second rule, striking out the words, "House is divided or before," and inserting the words, "division of the House or." At the end of the eighty-third rule, adding the words, "In case the time is extended by unanimous consent, the same rule shall apply at the end of the extended time as at the time originally fixed."

Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule.

At 3.12, adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Births, marriages and deaths,—registration report.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Registration Report of Births, Marriages and Deaths was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, referred to the committee on Labor and Decennial Census, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions.

Mary E. Tufts and S. B. Babson, Rockport.

By Mr. Marchant of Rockport, petition of the selectmen of Rockport for reimbursement of state aid paid on account of Mary E. Tufts and Sylvania B. Babson.

Moses S. Wheeler.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, petition of Moses S. Wheeler for compensation for unjust imprisonment in the Massachusetts State Prison.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Wellesley College.

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of the trustees of Wellesley College for amendment of its charter. Referred to the committee on Education.

Medford and Malden.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of Joseph W. Chadwick and others for the annexation of a portion of the town of Medford to the town of Malden. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Boston Light Dragoons—militia law.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, petition of David Scott and 86 others for authority for members of the Boston Light Dragoons to organize as a cavalry company, and for an amendment of the militia law. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Doane of Harwich, petition of George H. Howe and others for leave to build a wharf on Mitchell's River. Referred to the committee on Harbors. Mitchell's River.

By Mr. Low of Chelsea, petition of the mayor of the city of Chelsea for relief from maintaining Chelsea Bridge. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Chelsea Bridge.

By Mr. Fox of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act limiting the number of coroners in Suffolk County. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Coroners in Suffolk County.

On motion of Mr. Dean of Attleborough, the petition of W. D. Wilmarth and others, a committee of the Attleborough Water Supply District, for authority for said district to issue additional bonds, was taken from the files and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Attleborough water supply district.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the board of aldermen to allow temporary occupation of portions of the public streets for the sale of papers, fruit, etc.; and Boston street pedlers.

Petition of the mayor of Boston for amendment of Acts of 1846 and 1849, relating to the Cochituate Water Works. Cochituate water works.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, petition of the Republican City Committee of Boston for an amendment of the law relative to registration of voters. Registration of voters.

By Mr. Low of Chelsea, petition of the mayor of the city of Chelsea for amendment to the city charter relative to overseers of the poor. Chelsea city charter.

By Mr. Thomas of Brookline, petition of the selectmen of Brookline for authority to borrow money for the construction of sewers. Brookline sewers.

By Mr. Train of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the establishment of an additional polling place in Ward 24. Ward 24, Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Russell of Lowell, petition of Charles H. Richardson and 35 others of Lowell in aid of petition of George F. Scribner for the seat as representative of the Twentieth Middlesex District. Referred to the committee on Elections. 20th Middlesex District.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Insurance brokers' licenses.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of providing for the revocation of insurance brokers' licenses.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Governor's address.

Ordered, That so much of the address of His Excellency the Governor as relates to the finances of the Commonwealth be referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

U. S. Senator.

Ordered, That the hour of two and one-half o'clock, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of January, inst., be assigned as the time for the election of a United States Senator on the part of this branch.

On motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham,—

Burial-grounds.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of enlarging the powers of towns to take land for burial grounds.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford,—

Contracts with officers of cities.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 274 of the Supplement to the General Statutes, entitled "An Act relating to contracts with the officers of cities."

On motion of Mr. Cornish of New Bedford,—

District judges and mayors.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire if any judge of a district court in this Commonwealth is acting as mayor of any city, and if the same is compatible with the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Travelling on the Lord's Day.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing section 2 of chapter 84 of the General Statutes, which section prohibits travelling on the Lord's Day.

The following order, offered by Mr. Washburn of Worcester, was, at his request, laid over until to-morrow:

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Friday of each week, it be to meet on the following Monday at 2 o'clock, P. M., until otherwise ordered.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, a Bill to amend chapter 130 of the Acts of 1876, entitled "An Act to supply the town of Hingham with pure water." Hingham water supply.

Read, referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the filling of a portion of the old Roxbury Canal was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. Boston,—Roxbury canal.

Message from the Governor.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, January 9, 1877.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor herewith to transmit for the information and use of the General Court the annual reports for the year 1876 of the Surgeon-General of the Commonwealth; the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries; the Chief Detective of the Commonwealth; and the report of the Commission appointed under the provisions of chapter 43 of the Resolves of the year 1876 to inquire into the expediency of revising the judicial system of the Commonwealth. I also transmit a communication addressed to me by His Excellency the Governor of the State of Vermont, enclosing a copy of an Act passed by the Legislature of that State. Message from the Governor.

(Signed) ALEXANDER H. RICE.

The annual report of the Surgeon-General was referred to the committee on Military Affairs; that of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries, to the committee on the Fisheries; and the report of the Commission on the expediency of revising the judicial system, to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Surgeon-general. Inland fisheries. Judicial system.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The annual report of the Chief Detective of the Commonwealth was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Chief detective.

Bennington Battle Monument Association.

The communication from the Governor of Vermont, relative to an Act passed by the Legislature of that State to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

At 2.21, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Ellen Shea.

By Mr. Spaulding of Northampton, petition of Ellen Shea for state aid.

State aid.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of George Hayes for a change in the time of payment of state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Boston—Mystic Valley sewer.

By Mr. Chapin of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for an amendment of the Act authorizing the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Boston—Teachers' Association.

By the same gentleman, petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act to incorporate the Teachers' Association of the city of Boston; also for the incorporation of the school committee of said city for certain purposes. Referred to the committee on Education.

East Saugus and Lynn.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of Harmon Hall and others, that the part of the town of Saugus known as "East Saugus" may be annexed to the city of Lynn. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, petitions of the selectmen and others of Richmond; of the selectmen and others of Ashland; and of the selectmen and others of Belchertown; by Mr. Thomas of Brookline, petition of the selectmen and others of Brookline; and by Mr. Keyes of Lowell, petition of the selectmen and others of Tewksbury,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Boston building Act.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for amendment of the building law of that city.

By Mr. Osborn of Fall River, petition of the Vineyard Grove Company for amendment of its charter. Vineyard Grove Company.

By Mr. Canfield of Stockbridge, petition of the citizens of West Stockbridge for authority to discontinue the old village burying-ground, and to take the same for school purposes. W. Stockbridge burial-ground.

By Mr. Chapin of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for an act making the school committee of Boston trustees of the Charlestown Free School Fund. Charlestown free school fund.

By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, petition of John N. Barbour, executor, for an Act to incorporate the Adams Nervine Asylum. Adams Nervine Asylum.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act limiting the time for bringing actions for damages on account of defects in public streets. Boston—damages on highways.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wilde of Concord, petition of Abel G. Haynes for the seat as representative of the 27th Middlesex District. Referred to the committee on Elections. 27th Middlesex District.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the petition of John T. Clark, chairman of the board of aldermen of the city of Boston, for revision of the municipal and district court system, was taken from the files, referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, and sent up for concurrence. Boston courts.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Ordered, That the two branches of the Legislature assemble in joint convention on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of January, inst., at noon, for the purpose of comparing the journals of the two Houses, and performing all acts and things necessary and proper to be in joint convention performed in relation to the election of a person to represent the State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years from the 4th of March next, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress. U. S. Senator.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 9 of chapter 84 of Open shops on Lord's Day.

the General Statutes of this Commonwealth as to include keeping open shop on the Lord's Day in the provisions of that section.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Friday of this week, it be to meet on the following Monday at 2 o'clock.

Ib.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Washburn of Worcester, and laid over, relative to adjournment, was, on motion of that gentleman, laid upon the table.

Paper from the Senate.

Winthrop and Adams statues.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing 1,200 extra copies of the report of the commissioners to provide for the erection of memorial statues of Massachusetts citizens at the national capitol, and of appending to the same the speeches delivered in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States upon the occasion of formally presenting the statues; and also the expediency of accompanying the report with heliotype pictures of the statues of John Winthrop and Samuel Adams.

The following petitions were referred in concurrence:

O. C. and South Shore R. R. Cos.

Of the Old Colony Railroad Company, for authority to unite with the South Shore Railroad Company; and

O. C. and Dorchester and Milton Branch R.R. Cos.

Of the same, for authority to unite with the Dorchester and Milton Branch Railroad Company.

Severally to the committee on Railroads.

Edward Thompson.

Of Edward Thompson, for payment of certain orders for work done on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. To the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Taken from the Table.

Bennington Battle Monument Association.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, the communication from the Governor of Vermont to the Governor of Massachusetts, transmitting a copy of "An Act to incorporate the Bennington Battle Monument Association," was taken from the table, referred to the committee on Federal Relations, and sent up for concurrence.

At 2.18, adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 11, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Estimates for appropriations for the several departments for the year 1877 were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth and referred to the committee on Finance. Estimates for appropriations.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, the petition of Philip D. Minot for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. P. D. Minot.

By Mr. Winship of Wakefield, petition of James F. Emerson and others for an Act for the protection of shad, salmon and alewives in Lake Quannapowitt and Saugus River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Lake Quannapowitt and Saugus River.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of George W. Tuxbury and others for incorporation as a company, with power to hold lands and flats in and near South Bay. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. South Bay Co.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of James C. Davis and Aquila Adams for an Act to incorporate the Adams Nervine Asylum. Adams Nervine Asylum.

By Mr. Atherton of Boston, petition of H. J. Nazro and others for an additional voting place in ward 24, Boston. Ward 24, Boston.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of M. C. Grier and others for the incorporation of the North End Free Dispensary Association of Boston. Boston—North End Free Dispensary.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, petition of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy for the dissolution of said corporation. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

By Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, petition of the selectmen and others of Needham; by Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, petition of the selectmen and others of Stoneham; by Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, petition of the selectmen and others of Pittsfield; and by Mr. Pierce of Methuen, petition of the selectmen and others of Methuen,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

22d Middlesex District. T. R. Garity.

By Mr. Russell of Lowell, petition of D. M. Prescott and others of the 22d Middlesex Representative District, that the seat as member from said district may be given to Thomas R. Garity.

Ib.

By the same gentleman, remonstrance of George A. Cheney and others against the admission of E. J. Crossman as representative from the 22d Middlesex District.

Severally referred to the committee on Elections.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

Breaches of trust.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of extending the provisions of law for the punishment of embezzlement, to all misappropriations of moneys and effects, and similar breaches of trust, by trustees, guardians, executors and administrators.

On motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston,—

Superior Court —Suffolk.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of authorizing the superior court to appoint a second assistant clerk for said court, for the session thereof held at Boston for the trial of civil causes without a jury, and to fix his compensation, to be paid out of the treasury of the county of Suffolk.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Cambridge,—

Criminal law and proceedings.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider and report what provision, if any, should be made for codifying the criminal law and simplifying the criminal procedure of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Whitmore of Framingham,—

Town meetings.

Ordered, That the committee on Elections consider the expediency of forbidding towns having more than five hundred legal voters, holding meetings for the transaction of town business on the day of the general election in November.

On motion of Mr. Hillis of Maynard,—

Trustees under wills.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of a law to provide that the probate court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of the appointment of trustees under wills.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport,—

Appropriation bills.

Ordered, That the committee on Finance have authority to report from time to time such appropriation bills as they may deem expedient, and to employ clerical assistance.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, Resolves to furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Merrimac. Read and referred to the committee on Finance. Merrimac.

Papers from the Senate.

The memorial of the National Board of Trade for the establishment of art and science schools came down referred in non-concurrence to the committee on Education, in which reference the House concurred. Art and science schools.

The Annual Report of the State Directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads. B. & A. R. R.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Claims be authorized and instructed to request the attendance of the Attorney-General or Assistant Attorney-General at all hearings upon claims against the Commonwealth, with a view to the protection of the treasury of the State. Attorney-General on claims against the Commonwealth.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons be authorized to visit the prisons, jails, and houses of correction in the Commonwealth, at such times as they shall deem expedient. Committee on Prisons.

The following order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the report of the Commissioners of Prisons be printed for the use of the commission. Prison Commissioners' Report.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary on the Abstract of the Returns of Registers of Deeds; and Registers of deeds.

No legislation necessary on the Abstract of Returns of Sheriffs. Sheriffs.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the report of the Chief Detective of the Commonwealth, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Manufactures. Chief detective.

Brookline—sewers.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the selectmen of Brookline for authority to borrow money for the construction of sewers, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Charlestown Free School Fund.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act making the school committee of Boston trustees of the Charlestown Free School Fund, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Education.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule, the several matters referred as recommended, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

At 2.20, adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 12, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Treasurer's and Tax Commissioner's departments.

A statement of the salaries and other expenses of the Treasurer's and Tax Commissioner's departments, for the year 1876, was received from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth and referred to the committee on Finance.

Petitions Presented.

Horse-racing at agricultural exhibitions.

By Mr. Newton of Southborough, petition of Peter Fay and 112 others of Southborough and Framingham for legislation to prevent horse-racing at the exhibitions of county agricultural societies. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

By Mr. Ranlett of Newton, petition of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company for amendment of its charter. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Centennial—Mass. Building.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of A. L. Coolidge of Boston for reimbursement for money advanced in constructing and maintaining the Massachusetts State Building on the Centennial Exhibition grounds at Philadelphia. Referred to the committee on Centennial Matters.

Potomska Mills.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of the Potomska Mills Corporation for authority to increase its capital stock. Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation requiring the erection of walls or fences along the sides of railways entering the said city. Referred to the committee on Railroads. Boston—fencing of railroads.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, petitions of the selectmen and others of Andover; of the selectmen and others of Watertown; and of the selectmen and others of Savoy; by Mr. Cogswell of Leicester, petition of the selectmen and others of Leicester; and by Mr. Johnson of Holliston, petition of the selectmen and others of Holliston,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Glynn of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what changes should be made in the laws relating to the taxation of mortgaged real estate, so that the right of the mortgagors may be better protected. Taxation of mortgaged property.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending sections 7, 8, 13, 14, and 22 of chapter 376 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to the powers and duties of selectmen in the registration of voters, and the powers of selectmen at town meetings, so as to protect selectmen against the consequences of innocent mistakes in registration, and to designate with greater certainty the person or persons who shall preside at certain town meetings. Town meetings.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the Insurance Commissioner be requested to make a special report to the Legislature, as promptly as practicable, relative to legislation upon the subject of insurance. Insurance Commissioner.

The following order, offered by Mr. Fuller of Boston, was laid over, at the request of Mr. Allen of Boston:—

Ordered, That during the days on which a vote is taken for United States Senator, no person except members and officers of the Legislature be admitted to the floor of the House until after the voting has taken place and the result U. S. Senator.

been declared; nor on the days when a joint convention is held for taking a vote for United States Senator, until the joint convention has been dissolved.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, Resolves, as follows:—

Constitutional amendments.

Providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to district attorneys.

Providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to commissioners of insolvency.

Providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to sheriffs.

Providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to clerks of courts.

Severally read, referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows:—

State charities.

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Board of State Charities. To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Deerfield Academy.

Petition of the Trustees of the Deerfield Academy and the Trustees of the Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School for consolidation of said corporations. To the committee on Education.

The following order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries be printed, six hundred of which shall be for the use of said commissioners.

Factory and public building inspectors—hours of labor, etc.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census consider the expediency of reporting a bill creating a state board of factory and public building inspectors, whose duties shall be to thoroughly inspect all public buildings, factories and manufacturing establishments, and enforce all laws that now are or may hereafter be enacted relating to escape from fire or accident, and the proper care for the safety of the operatives and the public generally; also to enforce all the laws that now are or may be hereafter enacted relating to the hours of labor and the employment of children.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to dissolve the corporation of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend section 11 of chapter 167 of the Acts of the year 1846, relating to supplying the city of Boston with pure water. Boston—water supply.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, on an order, a Bill enabling towns to take land for burial-grounds. Burial-grounds.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

At 2.20, adjourned.

MONDAY, January 15, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Graves of Fall River.

A statement of the salaries and expenses of the Auditor's Department for 1876, and the Annual Report of the Auditor's Department, were received and severally referred to the committee on Finance. Auditor—statement of expenses—annual report.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, petition of certain of the paymasters of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia for promotion from the rank of captain to that of major. Paymasters.

By the same gentleman, petition of Charles F. A. Francis and 45 others for permission to organize as an infantry company in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. Colored infantry.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of Charles H. Nichols and others for an Act of incorporation as the Lawrence Brewing Company. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Lawrence Brewing Co.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, petitions of the selectmen and others of Boxford; of the selectmen and others of Highway damages.

North Andover; and of the selectmen and others of Enfield; by Mr. Cogswell of Ipswich, petition of the selectmen and others of Ipswich; by Mr. Marchant of Rockport, petition of the selectmen and others of Rockport; and by Mr. Draper of Douglas, petition of the selectmen and others of Douglas,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Methuen.

By Mr. Pierce of Methuen, petition of the selectmen of Methuen for an Act to legalize certain doings of said town.

Enginemen and firemen.

By Mr. Marchant of Rockport, petition of the selectmen of Rockport for a change in the law relative to the appointment of enginemen and members of the fire department.

Marlborough burial-ground.

By Mr. Murphy of Marlborough, petition of the town of Marlborough for authority to remove the remains of the dead from a public burial-ground, and to use said ground for a public park.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

U. S. senator.

The order offered Friday by Mr. Fuller of Boston, and laid over, relative to excluding from the floor of the House all persons except members and officers of the Legislature during the voting for a United States senator, was adopted and sent up for concurrence in so much as relates to joint convention.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Cambridge,—

Revision of judicial system.

Ordered, That three members of the House be added to the joint special committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Messrs. Hawkes of Lynn, Dewey of Great Barrington, and Knowlton of New Bedford were appointed.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton,—

Attachments.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 167 of the Acts of 1876, concerning attachments, so that the special precepts authorized thereby may be issued either in term time or vacation.

On motion of Mr. Hillis of Maynard,—

Probate appeals.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of a law limiting hearings of probate appeals in the supreme judicial court to those

questions of fact and law which were heard and passed upon by the probate court.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That all bills and resolves that have been, or under the rules are to be, printed, shall be read by their titles only, unless the full reading is requested. Reading of bills.

Papers from the Senate.

The following papers were referred in concurrence:—

Petition of the president and directors of the Billerica and Bedford Railroad for renewal of the Act and extension of the time granted for construction of said road. To the committee on Railroads. Billerica and Bedford Railroad.

Report of the Commissioners on Contagious Diseases among Cattle. To the committee on Agriculture. Contagious cattle diseases.

Report of the Receivers of the Lancaster Savings Bank. To the committee on Banks and Banking. Lancaster Savings Bank.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of William G. Clark for legislation allowing the use of vehicles propelled by steam or other motive power on highways, and recommending its reference to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Steam vehicles.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of M. C. Grier and others for the incorporation of the North End Free Dispensary Association of Boston, and recommending its reference to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. North End Free Dispensary.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule, the several matters referred as recommended, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Bills: Orders of the day.

Enabling towns to take land for burial-grounds (amended on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston);

To amend section 11 of chapter 167 of the Acts of the year 1846, relating to supplying the city of Boston with pure water; and

To dissolve the corporation of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

At 2.25, adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 16, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Boston—Roxbury Canal.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, remonstrances of T. W. Hoxie and others and Joseph Ham and others, severally against the petition of the city of Boston for authority to fill up a portion of the old Roxbury Canal.

Boston Land Co.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petitions of the Boston Land Company for leave to exclude tide-water from certain marsh lands, and for authority to construct a ship channel in Boston Harbor.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

James H. Look.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of James H. Look for redress of grievances caused by illegal acts of a state constable.

Mich'l Murphy.

By Mr. Bragg of Chicopee, petition of Michael Murphy for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Pensions for teachers.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of John W. Perkins and 69 others for a law granting pensions to such teachers as shall follow the profession for twenty years and upwards. Referred to the committee on Education.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, petitions of the selectmen and others of Wareham and of the selectmen and others of Upton; by Mr. Rice of Danvers, petition of the selectmen and others of Danvers; by Mr. Davis of Templeton, petition of the selectmen and others of Phillipston; by Mr. Bartlett of Sterling, petition of the selectmen and others of Sterling; by Mr. Lessey of Amherst, petition of the selectmen and others of Amherst; by Mr. Luther of Rehoboth, petition of the selectmen and others of

Swansea; and by Mr. Mann of Randolph, petition of the selectmen and others of Randolph,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Zerviah G. Mitchell, the last of the Pequots, for the restoration to her of certain lands. Z. G. Mitchell.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Snow of Barnstable,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of further legislation as to the custody, treatment and discipline of juvenile offenders. Juvenile offenders.

On motion of Mr. Cornish of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Revision of the Judicial System inquire if any legislation, and if so what legislation, is necessary in regard to justices of the courts of this Commonwealth holding the office of mayor or other like offices. Justices of courts as mayors of cities.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee on Revision of the Judicial System, to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's address relating to coroners, consider the expediency of a change in the existing laws relating to the powers and duties, and the appointment and removal, of coroners; whether the duties of that office may be more efficiently performed by some other officer or tribunal, and if so by whom and in what manner. Coroners.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hastings of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 376 of the Acts of the year 1874, so that the registration of voters in cities shall cease on the Wednesday next preceding the meeting for any election; also into the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 225 of the Acts of the year 1876, so as to require that the residence of each voter as of the 1st of May shall be entered upon the voting-list. Registration of voters.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing sections 41 and 42 of Payment of taxes.

chapter 11 of the General Statutes, which authorize cities and towns to make discounts for prompt payment of taxes.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Additional polling places.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation authorizing cities and towns to establish additional polling places in any ward or precinct thereof.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield,—

Rights of voters.

Ordered, That the Judiciary committee examine, consider and determine whether or not any conflict exists between the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth relative to the rights and privileges of citizens to vote for federal and state officers in this Commonwealth. Special reference is here made to articles 13, 14, and 15 of the Constitution of the United States and article 20 of the Constitution of Massachusetts and the several statutes of this Commonwealth defining the qualifications of voters. Said committee is requested to report by bill or otherwise, if deemed expedient or necessary.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence,—

Jurisdiction of probate courts.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 107 of the General Statutes as to give the probate courts of the several counties concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial court in matters of divorce.

Introduced on Leave.

Poor debtors.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, a Bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes in relation to poor debtors. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Securities in treasury.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on Expenditures be directed to examine the securities in the hands of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, and report upon the condition of the same.

Lee's and Cole's rivers.

The petition of E. M. Thurston and others that the county commissioners of Bristol County may be authorized to bridge Lee's and Cole's rivers, and the petition of Andrew J. Borden and others in aid of the same, were

severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

A Bill to incorporate the Trustees of Donations for Jaffna College in Ceylon, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Jaffna College.

The following order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed and bound in suitable form, three thousand copies of the rules and orders of the two branches, with a list of the several standing and special committees, together with such other matters as may be considered practicable in a legislative manual. Manual.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing three hundred extra copies of the report of the Surgeon-General. Surgeon-general.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Ellen Shea for state aid. Ellen Shea.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw on the petition of the selectmen of Rockport for reimbursement for state aid paid on account of Mary E. Tufts and Sylvania B. Babson. Rockport—M. E. Tufts and S. B. Babson.

By Mr. Cook of Milford, from the committee on Printing, on an order relative to the printing of the Prison Commissioners' report, recommending the adoption of the following order:—

Ordered, That there be printed two hundred extra copies of the Prison Commissioners' report. Prison Commissioners' Report.

By Mr. Huse of Newburyport, from the same committee, on an order relative to printing the Fish Commissioners' report, recommending the adoption of the following order:—

Ordered, That there be printed three thousand copies of the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, six hundred of which shall be for the use of said commissioners. Fish Commissioners' Report.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the com- Merrimac.

mittee on Finance, that the Resolves to furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Merrimac ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Attachments.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to amend chapter 167 of the Acts of 1876, concerning attachments. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

Enabling towns to take land for burial-grounds (amended on motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham);

To amend section 11 of chapter 167 of the Acts of the year 1846, relating to supplying the city of Boston with pure water; and

To dissolve the corporation of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Special Assignment.

U. S. senator.

At half-past two o'clock, Mr. Fuller of Boston called for the special assignment, being the election on the part of the House of a United States senator. The roll was called, and the following-named members voted for GEORGE S. BOUTWELL of Groton:—

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Anthony, Job K.
Babson, John J.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bradford, George.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cole, John L.
Cornish, Israel C.
Messrs. Crocker, Samuel E.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Gray, Franklin.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hillis, John.

Messrs. Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Enoch R.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Reed, George R.
Richards, Charles W.
Messrs. Richards, James H.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Snow, Samuel.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Oliver.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Warren, Alonzo.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
—Total, 78.

The following-named members voted for GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester :—

Messrs. Atherton, Samuel.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bryant, William H. H.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cook, William H.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Goulding, Frank P.
Messrs. Hale, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Johnson, George W.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Long, John D.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Martin, Isaac B.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.

Messrs. Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Robinson, William.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Stickney, Charles.
Messrs. Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
White, James.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.
—Total, 76.

The following-named members voted for JOSIAH G. ABBOTT of Boston:—

Messrs. Babson, Thomas M.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cone, George N.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Messrs. Keyes, Patrick.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Read, William A.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wright, John H.
—Total, 55.

The following voted for ALEXANDER H. RICE of Boston :—

Messrs. Ayer, Edwin.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cook, John H.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Hall, Andrew.
Howard, William C.
Messrs. Rand, Oliver J.
Smith, Dana Z.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thurston, Charles F.
Winslow, Isaac.
Woodbury, Henry P.
—Total, 15.

Messrs. Warren S. Bragg, Chauncey W. Lessey, Baxter E. Perry and Edward I. Thomas voted for JULIUS H. SEELYE of Amherst.

Messrs. Pharcellus D. Bridges, Charles H. Ingalls, Eben F. Stone and Henry Winn voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester.

Mr. Stillman B. Allen voted for CHARLES DEVENS, Jr., of Worcester.

Mr. Joseph Buckminster voted for HENRY L. PIERCE of Boston.

Mr. William Watts voted for JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton.

The Speaker thereupon announced that no person had received a majority of the votes cast, and that there was no election on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, the House proceeded to another vote.

The following-named members voted for GEORGE S. BOUTWELL of Groton :—

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Anthony, Job K.
Babson, John J.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bradford, George.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Messrs. Cole, John L.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Cunningham Thomas.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Gray, Franklin.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.

Messrs. Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hillis, John.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Enoch R.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Messrs. Reed, George R.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Iram.
Snow, Samuel.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Oliver.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Warren, Alonzo.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
—Total, 79.

The following-named members voted for GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester:—

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cook, William H.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, W. Irving,
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.
Messrs. Fuller, Henry W.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Johnson, George W.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Long, John D.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Martin, Isaac B.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Nash, Erastus M.

Messrs. Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Robinson, William.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Peter D.
Messrs. Snow, Newell.
Stickney, Charles.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
White, James.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.
—Total, 77.

The following-named members voted for JOSIAH G. ABBOTT of Boston:—

Messrs. Babson, Thomas M.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cone, George N.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Messrs. Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Read, William A.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.

Messrs. Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Messrs. Wright, John H.
—Total, 55.

The following voted for ALEXANDER H. RICE of Boston :—

Messrs. Ayer, Edwin.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cook, John H.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Hall, Andrew,
Howard, William C.
Messrs. Rand, Oliver J.
Smith, Dana Z.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thurston, Charles F.
Winslow, Isaac.
Woodbury, Henry P.
—Total, 15.

Messrs. Warren S. Bragg, Chauncey W. Lessey, Baxter E. Perry and Edward I. Thomas voted for JULIUS H. SEELYE of Amherst.

Messrs. Pharcellus D. Bridges, Charles H. Ingalls, Eben F. Stone and Henry Winn voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester.

Mr. William Watts voted for JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton.

Whereupon the Speaker announced that no person had received a majority of the votes cast, and that there was no election on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, the House
At 3.30, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 17, 1877.

Agreeably to a law of the Congress of the United States, the two branches met in—

Convention,

For the purpose of comparing the records of the two Houses to ascertain if an election of a senator in the Congress of the United States had been made by the two branches; and the journals of the two Houses having been read, it appeared that no choice had been made.

Thereupon the roll was called, and the members present voted as follows, to wit :—

For GEORGE S. BOUTWELL of Groton :—

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Adams, Charles, Jr.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stephen M.
Anthony Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bowman, Selwyn Z.
Bradford, George.
Breed, Amos F.
Brimhall, Elisha.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Wilder P.
Coffin, Abraham B.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cole, John L.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Ginnodo, Samuel S.
Gray, Franklin.
Gregory, James J. H.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hill, Henry B.
Hillis, John.
Howes, Charles.
Huse, Caleb B.
Jewett, Francis.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kellogg, Ensign H.

Messrs. Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Melcher, George B.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Enoch R.
Morse, Joshua.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osborne, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Reed, George R.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Saunders, Amos J.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Sherman, Luther H.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Iram.
Snow, Samuel.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Oliver.
Torrey, Merritt.
Truell, Byron.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Warren, Alonzo.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
—Total, 95.

For George F. Hoar of Worcester:—

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, George S.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, J. B. D.
Cook, William H.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Denny, George P.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Fiske, Joseph E.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Garfield, Harrison.
Gilbert, Lewis N.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Haynes, Tilly.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Holmes, Charles J.
Johnson, George W.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Long, John D.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Lynde, Ebenezer B.
Macomber, Pardon.
Martin, Isaac B.
Mayhew, Aaron C.

Messrs. Merrill, Frederick W.
Montague, William H.
Moors, John F.
Morse, Aaron R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Robinson, William.
Sessions, Horace M.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Frederick M.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Jackson B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn John D.
Whicher, John D.
White, James.
White, Jonathan.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.
—Total, 93.

For JOSIAH G. ABBOTT of Boston :—

Messrs. Babson, Thomas M.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cone, George N.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ewing, Henry C.
Fitz Gerald, Thomas F.
Flatley, M. J.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Messrs. Low, Francis.
Madden Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Caleb.
Read, William A.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Chas. Theodore.
Sanborn, John C.
Sleeper, John S.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Weld, Francis M.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wright, John H.
—Total, 61.

For ALEXANDER H. RICE of Boston :—

Messrs. Bartlett, James E. T.
Brown, Haydn.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cook, John H.
Crane, Samuel D.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Hall, Andrew.
Holley, Richard.
Messrs. Howard, William C.
Rand, Oliver J.
Smith, Dana Z.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thurston, Charles F.
Winslow, Isaac.
Woodbury, Henry P.
—Total, 17.

Messrs. Warren S. Bragg, Chauncey W. Lessey, Baxter E. Perry and Edward I. Thomas voted for JULIUS H. SEELYE of Amherst.

Messrs. Pharcellus D. Bridges, Charles H. Ingalls, Eben F. Stone and Henry Winn voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester.

Mr. William Watts voted for JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton.

And there being no choice, the Convention proceeded to a second vote; and the roll being called, the members present voted as follows, to wit:—

For GEORGE S. BOUTWELL of Groton:—

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Adams, Charles, Jr.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stephen M.
Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bowman, Selwyn Z.
Bradford, George.
Breed, Amos F.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Wilder P.
Coffin Abraham B.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cole, John L.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Gray, Franklin.
Gregory, James J. H.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.

Messrs. Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hill, Henry B.
Hillis, John.
Howes, Charles.
Huse, Caleb B.
Jewett, Francis.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Melcher, George B.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Enoch R.
Morse, Joshua.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Patch Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Reed, George R.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.

Messrs. Sargent, Luther H.
Saunders, Amos J.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Sherman, Luther H.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Iram.
Snow, Samuel.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Oliver.
Torrey, Merritt.

Messrs. Truell, Byron.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Warren, Alonzo.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
—Total, 93.

For George F. Hoar of Worcester:—

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, George S.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Brimhall, Elisha.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster Joseph.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, J. B. D.
Cook, William H.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Denny, George P.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Fiske, Joseph E.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Garfield, Harrison.
Gilbert, Lewis N.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Ginnodo, Samuel S.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Haynes, Tilly.

Messrs. Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Holmes, Charles J.
Johnson, George W.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Long, John D.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Lynde, Ebenezer B.
Macomber, Pardon.
Martin, Isaac B.
Mayhew, Aaron C.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Montague, William H.
Moors, John F.
Morse, Aaron R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Robinson, William.
Sessions, Horace M.

Messrs. Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Frederick M.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Jackson B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Messrs. Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
Whicher, John D.
White, James.
White, Jonathan.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.
—Total, 95.

For Josiah G. Abbott of Boston :—

Messrs. Babson, Thomas M.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cone, George N.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ewing, Henry C.
Fitz Gerald, Thomas F.
Flatley, M. J.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Messrs. Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Caleb.
Read, William A.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Chas. Theodore.
Sanborn, John C.
Sleeper, John S.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Weld, Francis M.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sidney F.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wright, John H.
—Total, 62.

For ALEXANDER H. RICE of Boston :—

Messrs. Bartlett, James E. T.	Messrs. Howard, William C.
Brown, Haydn.	Rand, Oliver J.
Clapp, Lafayette.	Smith, Dana Z.
Cook, John H.	Spaulding, Mark H.
Crane, Samuel D.	Tappan, Lewis N.
Ellis, Theodore W.	Thurston, Charles F.
Gerry, Charles F.	Winslow, Isaac.
Hall, Andrew.	Woodbury, Henry P.
Holley, Richard.	—Total, 17.

Messrs. Warren S. Bragg, Chauncey W. Lessey, Baxter E. Perry and Edward I. Thomas voted for JULIUS H. SEELYE of Amherst.

Messrs. Pharcellus D. Bridges, Charles H. Ingalls, Eben F. Stone and Henry Winn voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester.

Mr. William Watts voted for JOHN E. SANFORD of Taunton.

And no person having a majority of the votes, there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, of the House, the Convention

Adjourned.

The House was called to order at two o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Ellis of Springfield, petition of the Farr Alpaca Company of Holyoke for rebatement of state tax. Referred to the committee on Claims. Farr Alpaca Co.

By Mr. Perkins of Springfield, petition of E. S. Flower and others for a change in the manner of assessing the expense of the West Springfield Dike. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. West Springfield Dike.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, petition of Charles Amory and others for incorporation as the Veteran Association of the Independent Corps of Cadets. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Cadets Veteran Association.

Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of the selectmen of Abington for an Act giving women the right to vote in town affairs and hold town offices. Referred to a joint special committee, to be appointed, of eight on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petitions of the selectmen and others of Abington, and of the selectmen and others of South Abington; by Mr. Walker of Royalston, petitions of the selectmen and others of Athol, and of the selectmen and others of Royalston; by Mr. Bearse of Falmouth, petition of the selectmen and others of Falmouth; by Mr. Long of Hingham, petition of the selectmen and others of Sutton; by Mr. Clapp of Easthampton, petition of the selectmen and others of Southampton; by Mr. Low of Chelsea, petition of the mayor and aldermen of Chelsea; by Mr. Studley of Rockland, petition of the selectmen and others of Rockland; by Mr. Daniels of Oxford, petition of the selectmen and others of Oxford; by Mr. Cobb of Dedham, petition of the selectmen and others of Dedham; by Mr. Spaulding of Northampton, petition of the selectmen and others of Northampton; by Mr. Bartlett of Sterling, petition of the selectmen and others of Lunenburg; and by Mr. Winn of Buckland, petition of the selectmen and others of Charlemont,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Osborne—12th Suffolk District.

By Mr. Newton of Boston, petition of John Osborne, Jr., for the seat as representative for the Twelfth Suffolk District. Referred to the committee on Elections.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Flagg of Millbury,—

Voters who receive aid from towns disfranchised.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 1, chapter 6 of the General Statutes, relating to the qualifications of voters at town, county, and other elections, that no person who shall receive aid from the overseers of the poor of any city or town shall have the right to vote at such elections within twelve months from the date of receiving such aid.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Newton of Southborough, a Resolve in favor of the State Reform School for boys at Westborough. Read and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. State Reform School.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, a Bill to amend section 29 of chapter 142 of the General Statutes, concerning trustee process. Read and referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Trustee process.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of requiring railroad corporations to publish monthly statements of their earnings and expenses, and report by bill or otherwise. Railroad monthly statements.

The report of the committee on Printing, that the order relative to printing and binding the manual ought to be adopted, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Manuals.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to poor debtors, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. Poor debtors.

Orders of the Day.

Reports: Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ellen Shea for state aid;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Rockport for reimbursement of state aid paid on account of Mary E. Tufts and Sylvania B. Babson;

Of the committee on Printing, on an order relative to printing extra copies of the Prison Commissioners' Report, recommending the adoption of an order; and

Of the same committee, on an order relative to printing the Fish Commissioners' Report, recommending the adoption of an order;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolves to furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Merrimac were read a second time, and recommitted to the committee on Finance, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield; the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill to amend chapter 167 of the Acts of 1876, concerning attachments, was read and ordered to a third reading.

At 2.20, adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 18, 1877.

The two Houses, in accordance with the provisions of a law of the United States, met in—

Convention,

For the purpose of choosing a senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years; and the roll being called, the members voted as follows, to wit:—

For GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester:—

Messrs. Adams, Charles, Jr.
Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, George S.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Brimhall, Elisha.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, J. B. D.
Cook, William H.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Denny, George P.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, W. Irving.

Messrs. Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Fiske, Joseph E.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Garfield, Harrison.
Gilbert, Lewis N.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Ginnodo, Samuel S.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Haynes, Tilly.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Holmes, Charles J.
Johnson, George W.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Long, John D.
Lovell, John D.

Messrs. Lowe, Lewis G.
Lynde, Ebenezer B.
Macomber, Pardon.
Martin, Isaac B.
Mayhew, Aaron C.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Montague, William H.
Moors, John F.
Morse, Aaron R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Robinson, William.
Sessions, Horace M.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Messrs. Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Frederick M.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Jackson B.
Swett, Noah.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
Whicher, John D.
White, James.
White, Jonathan.
Whitney, Edward.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.
—Total, 100.

For George S. Boutwell of Groton:—

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stephen M.
Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bowman, Selwyn Z.
Bradford, George.
Breed, Amos F.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Coffin, Abraham B.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cole, John L.
Messrs. Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Gray, Franklin.
Gregory, James J. H.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hill, Henry B.
Hillis, John.

Messrs. Howes, Charles.
Huse, Caleb B.
Jewett, Francis.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Melcher, George B.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Enoch R.
Morse, Joshua.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Messrs. Reed, George R.
Richards, James H.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Saunders, Amos J.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Sherman, Luther H.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Iram.
Taylor, Oliver.
Torrey, Merritt.
Truell, Byron.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Warren, Alonzo.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
—Total, 88.

For Josiah G. Abbott of Boston:—

Messrs. Babson, Thomas M.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cone, George N.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ewing, Henry C.
Fitz Gerald, Thomas F.
Messrs. Flatley, M. J.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Peters, William C.

Messrs. Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Caleb.
Read, William A.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Chas. Theodore.
Sanborn, John C.
Sleeper, John S.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Messrs. Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Weld, Francis M.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wright, John H.
—Total, 62.

For ALEXANDER H. RICE of Boston:—

Messrs. Bartlett, James E. T.
Brown, Haydn.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cook, John H.
Crane, Samuel D.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Hall, Andrew.
Holley, Richard.
Messrs. Howard, William C.
Rand, Oliver J.
Smith, Dana Z.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thurston, Charles F.
Winslow, Isaac.
Woodbury, Henry P.
—Total, 17.

Messrs. Warren S. Bragg, Chauncey W. Lessey and Edward I. Thomas voted for JULIUS H. SEELYE of Amherst.

Messrs. Pharcellus D. Bridges, Charles H. Ingalls, Eben F. Stone and Henry Winn voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester.

And no person having a majority of all the votes cast, a second vote was had, as follows:—

For GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester:—

Messrs. Adams, Charles, Jr.
Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, George S.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Brimhall, Elisha.
Messrs. Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, J. B. D.
Cook, William H.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Denny, George P.

Messrs. Dewey, Justin.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Fiske, Joseph E.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Garfield, Harrison.
Gilbert, Lewis N.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Ginnodo, Samuel S.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Haynes, Tilly.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Holmes, Charles J.
Johnson, George W.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kinsman, William H.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Long, John D.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Lynde, Ebenezer B.
Macomber, Pardon.
Martin, Isaac B.
Mayhew, Aaron C.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Montague, William H.
Moors, John F.
Morse, Aaron R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Messrs. Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Robinson, William.
Sessions, Horace M.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Frederick M.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Jackson B.
Swett, Noah.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
Whicher, John D.
White, James.
White, Jonathan.
Whitney, Edward.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.
—Total, 104.

For George S. Boutwell of Groton:—

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stephen M.
Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Messrs. Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.

Messrs. Bowman, Selwyn Z.
Bradford, George.
Breed, Amos F.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Coffin, Abraham B.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cole, John L.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Gray, Franklin.
Gregory, James J. H.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hillis, John.
Howes, Charles.
Huse, Caleb B.
Jewett, Francis.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Messrs. Melcher, George B.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Enoch R.
Morse, Joshua.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Reed, George R.
Richards, James H.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Saunders, Amos J.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Sherman, Luther H.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Iram.
Taylor, Oliver.
Torrey, Merritt.
Truell, Byron.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Warren, Alonzo.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
—Total, 83.

For Josiah G. Abbott of Boston:—

Messrs. Babson, Thomas M.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Messrs. Chapin, Nahum.
Cone, George N.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.

Messrs. Egleston, Francis S.
Ewing, Henry C.
Fitz Gerald, Thomas F.
Flatley, M. J.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Messrs. Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Caleb.
Read, William A.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Chas. Theodore.
Sanborn, John C.
Sleeper, John S.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Weld, Francis M.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wright, John H.
—Total, 62.

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Messrs. Bartlett, James E. T.
Brown, Haydn.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cook, John H.
Crane, Samuel D.
Gerry, Charles F.
Hall, Andrew.
Hill, Henry B.
Holley, Richard.
Messrs. Howard, William C.
Rand, Oliver J.
Smith, Dana Z.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thurston, Charles F.
Winslow, Isaac.
Woodbury, Henry P.
—Total, 17.

Messrs. Warren S. Bragg, William B. Kimball, Chauncey W. Lessey and Edward I. Thomas voted for JULIUS H. SEELYE of Amherst.

Messrs. Pharcellus D. Bridges, Charles H. Ingalls, Eben F. Stone and Henry Winn voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester.

And no person having a majority of all the votes cast, there was no choice, and the Convention

Adjourned.

The House was called to order at two o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, Mr. Whitmore of Montague was granted leave of absence for five days. Leave of absence granted Mr. Whitmore.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Voted, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11.30 o'clock, A. M. Adjournment.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, petitions of the Catholic Cemetery Association, in Dorchester, for a change of name; also for authority to hold additional real and personal estate. Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Dorchester Catholic Cemetery Association.

By Mr. Whitney of Belmont, petition of the selectmen of Watertown for reimbursement for damages in laying out the Watertown turnpike. Referred to the committee on Claims. Watertown.

By Mr. Spaulding of Northampton, petition of the trustees of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary for leave to hold additional real estate. Referred to the committee on Education. Mount Holyoke Female Seminary.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, petition of the selectmen and others of New Salem; by Mr. Hallet of Mansfield, petition of the selectmen and others of Mansfield; and by Mr. Pierce of West Boylston, petition of the selectmen and others of West Boylston,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Highway damages.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds. Read, referred to the committee on Railroads and sent up for concurrence. Explosive compounds.

Paper from the Senate.

The report of the Commissioners on Prisons, in relation Prison districts.

to the division of the Commonwealth into prison districts, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Reports of Committees.

E. A. Morse—4th Norfolk District.

By Mr. Babson of Boston, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Elijah A. Morse of Canton for a recount of votes for representative in the Fourth Norfolk District. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Chelsea—overseers of poor.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to establish the board of overseers of the poor in the city of Chelsea. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Merrimac.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, to whom was recommitted the Resolves to furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Merrimac, that the same ought to pass, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the main question being on ordering to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The report, ought to be adopted, of the committee on Printing, on the order relative to preparation of the legislative manual, was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to poor debtors, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend chapter 167 of the Acts of 1876, concerning attachments, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 1.17, adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 19, 1877.

Met according to adjournment at 11.30 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Division of town of Adams.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petition of George L. Rice and others of North Adams for a division of the town of

Adams; and by Mr. Anthony of Adams, petition of Charles A. Howland and others of South Adams for the same. Severally referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petitions of the selectmen and others of Gill, and of the selectmen and others of Greenfield; by Mr. Barnes of Plymouth, petition of the selectmen and others of Plymouth; by Mr. Pitman of Swampscott, petition of the selectmen and others of Swampscott; and by Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, petition of the selectmen and others of Brookfield,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of Ezra Farnsworth and others for incorporation as a Fidelity Assurance Company. Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Fidelity Assurance Co.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That a joint special committee of eight from the House and such as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire as to the expediency of repealing chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875, entitled "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors," and enacting a prohibitory law in place thereof; and to report recommending such additional legislation as in their judgment will promote the cause of temperance. Liquor law.

The Speaker appointed, on the part of the House, Messrs. Batchelor of New Bedford, Patch of Lynn, Bowen of Leominster, Sanborn of Lawrence, Fox of Boston, Fairbank of Oakham, Howard of Easton, and Babson of Boston.

Sent up to be joined.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery inquire into the expediency of providing by law that all trustees, guardians, executors and administrators shall render an account at least once a year until their trust is fulfilled, and at other times when required by the probate court. Trusts.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Edwin Adams for compensation for work done on the State Insane Asylum at Danvers; and the petition of A. D. Williams and 178 others in aid of

the same, came down referred to a joint special committee. The House concurred in the reference, and Messrs. White, Truell, and Ewing having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Clapp of Easthampton, Wing of Yarmouth, Bradford of Duxbury, Peters of Boston, Ellis of Springfield, Emery of Lawrence, Macomber of Fall River, and Delano of Marion were joined on the part of the House.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing the report of the commissioners to procure memorial statues, recommending the adoption of an Order [amended by the Senate to read as follows] :—

Ordered, That there be printed twelve hundred extra copies, with suitable heliotypes, of the report of the commission to procure memorial statues, accompanied with the speeches delivered in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, upon the occasion of formally presenting the statues. Also that twenty-five copies of said report be bound for the senators and representatives whose speeches are contained therein;

Accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions :—

State Reform School.

That the Resolve (on leave) in favor of the State Reform School for boys, at Westborough, ought to pass;

State Almshouse.

On a communication from the inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, asking for authority to transfer money from appropriation for current expenses to pay certain salaries, a Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury;

Ib.

On a communication from the inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, asking that the unexpended balance of an appropriation of 1875 may be used toward paying for the erection of a new building, a Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury;

Severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance, the last two being read.

Sheriffs.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, that the Resolve (on leave) providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to sheriffs ought to pass; and

That the Resolve (on leave) providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to district attorneys ought to pass. District attorneys.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relating to the term of office of enginemen and other members of fire departments. Enginemen, etc.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to authorize the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk. Suffolk County superior court.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, the order offered by him relative to adjournment over Saturdays was taken from the table and adopted. Adjournment over Saturdays.

Orders of the Day.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Elections, on the petition of Elijah A. Morse of Canton for a recount of votes cast for representative in the Fourth Norfolk District, was accepted. Subsequently Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford moved a reconsideration of the vote of acceptance, which motion, being at once considered under suspension of the rule, was laid on the table on Mr. Knowlton's further motion. Orders of the day.

The Bill to establish the board of overseers of the poor in the city of Chelsea was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolves to furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Merrimac, were amended as recommended by the committee on Finance, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to poor debtors, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 11.55, adjourned.

The two branches met in—

Convention,

For the purpose of choosing a Senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years; and the roll being called, the members present voted as follows, to wit:—

For GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester:—

Messrs. Adams, Charles, Jr.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barker, Henry F.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, George S.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brimhall, Elisha.
Brown, Haydn.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Chase, Charles H.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, J. B. D.
Cole, John L.
Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.
Crane, Samuel D.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Denny, George P.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Eddy, Curtis.

Messrs. Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Fiske, Joseph E.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Garfield, Harrison.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilbert, Lewis N.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Ginnodo, Samuel S.
Goulding, Frank P.
Gray, Franklin.
Gregory, James J. H.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Haynes, Tilly.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Holley, Richard.
Holmes, Charles J.
Johnson, George W.
Kellogg, Ensign H.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Long, John D.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.

Messrs. Lynde, Ebenezer B.
Macomber, Pardon.
Martin, Isaac B.
Mayhew, Aaron C.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Montague, William H.
Moors, John F.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Joshua.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, Baxter E.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Robinson, William.
Sargent, Luther H.
Saunders, Amos J.
Sessions, Horace M.
Sherman, Luther H.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.

Messrs. Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Frederick M.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Jackson B.
Swett, Noah.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
Whicher, John D.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
White, Jonathan.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wing, Daniel.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.
—Total, 146.

For Josiah G. Abbott of Boston:—

Messrs. Babson, Thomas M.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.

Messrs. Cone, George N.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ewing, Henry C.

Messrs. Fitz Gerald, Thos. F.
Flatley, M. J.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.

Messrs. Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Caleb.
Read, William A.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Chas. Theodore.
Sanborn, John C.
Sleeper, John S.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Weld, Francis M.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Wilson, George A.
Wright, John H.
—Total, 62.

For George S. Boutwell of Groton:—

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Stephen M.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bradford, George.
Breed, Amos F.
Carll, Francis.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Donald, William C.
Emery, Levi.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hill, Henry B.
Hillis, John.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, Peter R.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lovell, Benjamin S.

Messrs. Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Melcher, George B.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Enoch R.
Patch, Edwin.
Penny, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Reed, George R.
Richards, James H.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Dana Z.
Taylor, Oliver.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Watts, William.
Wilson, George C.
—Total, 47.

For ALEXANDER H. RICE of Boston :—

Messrs. Ayer, Edwin.	Messrs. Knowlton, Hosea M.
Babson, John J.	Noyes, Charles J.
Bancroft, Alonzo.	Rand, Oliver J.
Bartlett, James E. T.	Tappan, Lewis N.
Bowman, Selwyn Z.	Thurston, Charles F.
Coffin, Abraham B.	Truell, Byron.
Cunningham, Thomas.	Warren, Alonzo.
Howes, Charles.	Wilder, Henry H.
Jewett, Francis.	Winslow, Isaac.
Kimball, Ensign.	—Total, 19.

Mr. Josephus Shaw voted for JULIUS H. SEELYE of Amherst.

Messrs. Charles H. Ingalls and Eben F. Stone voted for ALEXANDER H. BULLOCK of Worcester.

Mr. Job K. Anthony voted for PAUL A. CHADBOURNE of Williamstown.

And GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared to be elected a Senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years.

And the Convention thereupon dissolved.

MONDAY, January 22, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Rice of Danvers.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Hannum of Cambridge, petition of Charles H. Chandler for state aid. Charles H. Chandler.

By Mr. Watts of Taunton, petition of Osborne E. Eaton for state aid. O. E. Eaton.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Patch of Lynn, petition of J. A. Newhall and 153 others in aid of petition of Harmon Hall and others for the annexation of a part of the town of Saugus to Saugus and Lynn.

Lynn; and by Mr. Batchelder of Middleton, remonstrance of J. W. Dearborne and 369 others against the same. Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Militia law.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of D. H. Follett for amendment of the militia law. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Athol Water Co.

By Mr. Walker of Royalston, petition of Robert Wiley and others for incorporation as the Athol Water Company. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Mansfield First Cong. Parish.

By Mr. Hallet of Mansfield, petition of the First Congregational Parish of Mansfield for leave to sell its meeting-house. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Hamilton Manufacturing Co.

By Mr. Wilder of Lowell, petition of the Hamilton Manufacturing Company of Lowell for authority to increase its capital stock. Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, petitions of the selectmen and others of the towns of Brewster, West Brookfield, Tisbury, Dalton and Conway; by Mr. Hannum of Cambridge, petition of the mayor of Cambridge; by Mr. Delano of Marion, petition of the selectmen and others of Marion; by Mr. Martin of Southbridge, petition of the selectmen and others of Southbridge; by Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, petition of the selectmen and others of Framingham; by Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park, petition of the selectmen and others of Hyde Park; and by Mr. Newton of Southborough, petition of the selectmen and others of Southborough,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Fidelity Assurance Co.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of Samuel H. Walley and others in aid of petition of Ezra Farnsworth and others for incorporation as a Fidelity Assurance Company.

Anderson School of Natural History.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, petition of the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History for permission to convey the land held by them, and for dissolution of the said corporation.

Maurice Morey.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, petition of Maurice Morey for a hearing relative to his imprisonment without a trial.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of providing by law for the examination and licensing of persons engaged in running locomotive engines and steam-boilers within the limits of this Commonwealth. Licenses of engineers.

On motion of Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That there be printed five hundred copies of the list of the standing and special committees of the respective branches of the Legislature, and of the joint standing and special committees. Committee lists.

The following order, offered by Mr. Washburn of Worcester, was referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That there be printed one thousand extra copies of the report of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, for the use of said museum. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hillis of Maynard,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending the third section of chapter 224 of the Acts of 1873, relating to the jurisdiction of probate courts in matters arising under wills, by striking out the following words; viz., "in the same manner as is now provided by law in relation to trusts created by wills." Wills.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of repealing all laws requiring bonds for sales of real estate made by administrators, executors, and guardians, and providing as a substitute therefor that all bonds given by administrators, executors, and guardians on their appointment shall contain a condition to account for all such sales. Bonds of administrators, executors, and guardians.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire as to the necessity for further legislation relative to chapter 232 of the Acts of 1875, entitled "An Act relating to contracts with certain public officers." Contracts with public officers.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the second section of chapter 298 of the Acts of 1871, relative to a highway tax, by adding at the end of said section the following words: Highway tax.

"and the selectmen, and surveyor or surveyors of highways, shall, according to their best judgment, carefully expend the said sums so voted for making and repairing the said ways."

The following order, offered by Mr. O'Connor of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Washburn of Worcester:—

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., in order to give an opportunity to the members to attend the mass meeting to be held at Faneuil Hall.

The following, offered by Mr. Heywood of Worcester, was laid over at the request of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston:—

Report of commission on revision of judicial system.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the report of the commission on Revision of the Judicial System of the State be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Resolution.

The electoral vote.

A Resolution concerning the bill reported in Congress for counting the electoral vote, offered by Mr. Allen of Boston, was referred to the committee on Federal Relations and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Woman suffrage.

Messrs. Moors, Ginnodo and Fiske having been appointed by the Senate on the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage, to whom was referred the petition of the selectmen of Abington, Messrs. Babson of Gloucester, Winship of Wakefield, Winn of Buckland, Wilson of Taunton, Mackintosh of Needham, Merritt of Ashburnham, Merrill of Salisbury and Smith of Gloucester were joined on the part of the House.

Election of senator—governor to be notified.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches notify His Excellency the Governor that George F. Hoar of Worcester has been duly elected by the Legislature as senator in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years from the fourth day of March next.

Boston University Woman's Education Society.

A Bill to incorporate the Boston University Woman's Education Society, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Education.

The report of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Harmon Hall and others for the extension of the charter of the Saugus Mutual Fire Insurance Company, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule. Saugus Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amendment of the law concerning discount for prompt payment of taxes. Prompt payment of taxes.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to the rights of voters in this Commonwealth, and recommending that it be referred to the committee on Federal Relations. Rights of voters.

By Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, from the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary on the annual report of the State Agent for Aiding Discharged Convicts. Discharged convicts.

By Mr. Mahony of Boston, from the committee on Printing, that the order relative to printing three hundred extra copies of the report of the Surgeon-General ought to be adopted. Surgeon-general.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule, and the last two reports and the order relative to rights of voters sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, that the Resolve (on leave) providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to commissioners of insolvency, ought to pass. Commissioners of insolvency.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve (on leave) providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to clerks of courts, ought to pass with an amendment. Clerks of courts.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, his motion to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Elections on the petition of Elijah A. Morse of Canton for a recount of votes cast for representative in the Fourth Norfolk District, was taken from the table. The House refused to reconsider. Fourth Norfolk District.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing the report of the commissioners to procure memorial statues, recommending the adoption of the order, was accepted in concurrence, and the order as amended by the Senate was adopted in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk; and

Relating to the term of office of enginemen and other members of fire departments; and

Resolves:

Providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to sheriffs; and

Providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to district attorneys;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish the board of overseers of the poor in the city of Chelsea; and the

Resolves to furnish certain documents and standard weights and measures to the town of Merrimac (amended on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, and the title amended to read "Resolve to furnish certain books, documents, and standard weights and measures to the town of Merrimac");

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 2.50, adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 23, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, a member of the House.

The annual report of the Treasurer's Department for 1876 was received from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Petitions Presented.

Treasurer's report.

By Mr. Miller of Fitchburg, petitions of J. R. Wheelock and 37 others, and Charles Mason and 91 others; by Mr.

Washburn of Worcester, petition of T. L. Lamb and 23 others; by Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of Sarah G. Lawton and 149 others; by Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, petition of Mrs. C. A. Larkin and 19 others; by Mr. Patch of Lynn, petition of Jacob Batchelder and 50 others; by Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of O. Smalley and 133 others; by Mr. Taylor of Haverhill, petition of Deborah Drury and 160 others; and by Mr. Davis of Templeton, petition of Lyman Clark and 50 others,—severally for woman suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage, and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Sheldon of Wilmington, petitions of the selectmen and others of Reading and North Reading; by Mr. Hathaway of Taunton, petition of the selectmen and others of Berkley; by Mr. Bodurtha of Agawam, petition of the selectmen and others of Agawam; by Mr. Dean of Attleborough, petition of the selectmen and others of Attleborough; by Mr. Newton of Bolton, petition of the selectmen and others of Harvard; by Mr. Wing of Yarmouth, petition of the selectmen and others of Dennis; by Mr. Wheeler of Orange, petition of the selectmen and others of Orange; by Mr. Bird of Walpole, petition of the selectmen and others of Stoughton; by Mr. Ray of Franklin, petition of the selectmen and others of Franklin; by Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, petition of the selectmen and others of Littleton; by Mr. Perry of Medford, petition of the selectmen and others of Medford; by Mr. Wilde of Concord, petition of the selectmen and others of Lincoln; and by Mr. Winn of Buckland, petition of the selectmen and others of Buckland,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of William M. Child and others for the dissolution of the Worcester Organ Company. Worcester Organ Co.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Whitaker of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census be authorized to inquire into the reasons of the continued infringement of the ten-hour law, so far as Ten-hour law.

relates to factories, and report what further action is necessary to secure the rigid enforcement of the same.

Revision of judicial system.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Heywood of Worcester, and laid over, relative to printing extra copies of the report of the commission on revision of the judicial system, was amended on motion of that gentleman by making the number two thousand, and referred to the committee on Printing.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Collection of debts.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the statutes relating to the collection of debts, that fraudulent debtors shall be liable to arrest upon mesne process and execution for sums less than twenty dollars, when the original cause of action was for money due the plaintiff for wages as a day laborer or domestic servant.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Cambridge,—

Decrees nisi.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider and report whether any, and what, action shall be taken by the General Court in relation to the effect of the statutes of 1873, chapter 371, upon decrees *nisi* for divorce, in cases where the proceedings were commenced under the provisions of the Act of 1870, chapter 404.

Adjournment.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. O'Connor of Boston, and laid over, relative to adjournment, was on motion of that gentleman indefinitely postponed.

Introduced on Leave.

Redemption of lands.

A Bill to provide for the redemption of lands sold for non-payment of certain assessments, introduced on leave by Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Paper from the Senate.

West Boston Savings Bank.

The petition of the trustees of the West Boston Savings Bank for reimbursement of taxes was referred in concurrence to the committee on Claims.

Reports of Committees.

Auditor's report.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, on the report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth, recommending that so much thereof as contains a sum-

mary of the accounts be printed as a legislative document, and that the entire report be printed as a public document.

Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the same committee, on the annual report of the Chief Detective of the Commonwealth, in part, an order, as follows:— Chief detective.

Ordered, That two thousand extra copies of the report of the Chief Detective of the Commonwealth be printed.

Read, and the order referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on the petition of Michael Murphy for state aid. Michael Murphy.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the state Reform School for boys, at Westborough, ought to pass. State Reform School.

Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the same committee, that the two Resolves in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ought to pass in a new draft as one resolve. State Almshouse.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the same committee, on the general order authorizing the committee to report necessary appropriation bills, the following Bills:— Appropriation bills:

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year. No. 1.

In addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year. No. 2.

Making appropriations for the compensation and travel of the members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes. No. 3.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to punish embezzlements by trustees, guardians, executors and administrators. Embezzlement by trustees, etc.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to confirm certain acts of the town of Methuen. Methuen.

By Mr. Wilder of Lowell, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time for organizing Billerica & Bedford Railroad.

certain railroad corporations under chapter 99 of the Acts of the year 1876.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to commissioners of insolvency, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to clerks of courts, was read a second time and rejected.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constition in relation to sheriffs, was read a third time, and the question being on agreeing to said article of amendment, it was rejected; less than two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative. The vote was as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Atherton, Samuel.
Ayer, Edwin.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cook, John H.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Davis, Charles W.
Dewey, Justin.
Donald, William C.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.

Messrs. Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Johnson, George W.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lee, Henry.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perry, Baxter E.
Peters, William C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Prescott, Charles J.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.

Messrs. Rice, Charles B.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Messrs. Thomas, Edward I.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
Whitney, Edward.
Wing, Daniel.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Clark, Leonard.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cole, John L.
Cone, George N.
Cook, William H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Messrs. Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Emery, Levi.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Gerry, Charles F.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Low, Francis.
Luther, Hale S.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Marchant, William.
Mellen, James H.
Merrill, Frederick W.

Messrs. Merritt, Simeon.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Messrs. Shaw, Josephus.
Smith, Peter D.
Stone, Eben F.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Torrey, Merritt.
Train, William G.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Walker, Joseph.
Walsh, James L.
Warren, Alonzo.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 83; nays, 119.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to district attorneys, was read a third time, and the question being on agreeing to said article of amendment, it was rejected; less than two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony Job K.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Wilder P.
Messrs. Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cook, John H.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Davis, Charles W.
Dewey, Justin.
Donald, William C.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.

Messrs. Fuller, Henry W.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hill, Clement H.
Johnson, George W.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Lee, Henry.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Mackintosh, James.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Morse, Aaron R.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, Baxter E.
Peters, William C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Prescott, Charles J.
Rand, Oliver J.
Messrs. Randall, David.
Rice, Charles B.
Robinson, William.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sessions, Horace M.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
Whitney, Edward.
Wing, Daniel.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Atherton, Samuel.
Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Messrs. Chapin, Nahum.
Clark, Leonard.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cole, John L.
Cone, George N.
Cornish, Israel C.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Emery, Levi.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.

Messrs. Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Laws, Alfred.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Low, Francis.
Luther, Hale S.
Madden Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Mellen, James H.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.

Messrs. Pierce, Darius.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Sanborn, John C.
Shaw, Josephus.
Smith, Peter D.
Stone, Eben F.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Torrey, Merritt.
Walker, Joseph.
Walsh, James L.
Warren, Alonzo.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 81; nays, 104.

Bills:

To authorize the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in the county of Suffolk; and

Relating to the term of office of enginemen and other members of fire departments;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 4.30, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The annual report, for 1876, of the Tax Commissioner, was received and referred to the committee on Finance. Tax commissioner's report.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Davis of Templeton, petition of Rev. R. W. Harlow and 29 others; by Mr. Lessey of Amherst, petition of Henry D. Maxon; by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of Cyrus A. Bartol and 318 others; by Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of Rev. S. B. Stuart and 254 others; by Mr. Wade of Newton, petition of George E. Allen and 146 others; and by Mr. Tilton of Haverhill, petition of D. H. Blaisdell and 138 others,—severally for woman suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petitions of Mary R. Brown and 78 others; Elva M. Mansfield and 71 others; and J. G. Gilman and 21 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Harmon Hall and others for the annexation of a part of the town of Saugus to Lynn. Saugus and Lynn.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Chapin of Boston, petition of Patrick O'Loan for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. P. O'Loan.

By Mr. Luther of Rehoboth, petition of W. D. Nichols and others for amendment of the Act of 1876 relative to the fisheries in Taunton Great River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Taunton Great River.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of the selectmen and others of Barnstable; by Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, petition of the selectmen and others of Orleans; by Mr. Stone of Newburyport, petition of the selectmen and others of Newbury; by Mr. Clapp of Easthampton, petition of the selectmen and others of Easthampton; by Mr. Kimball of Revere, petition of the selectmen and others of Revere; by Mr. Murphy of Marlborough, petition of the selectmen and others of Marlborough; by Mr. Webster of Northfield, petition of the selectmen and others of Highway damages.

Leyden; by Mr. Davis of Templeton, petition of the selectmen and others of Templeton; and by Mr. Winn of Buckland, petition of the selectmen and others of Shelburne,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

West Boylston. *Ordered*, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing by special legislation for the payment to the town of West Boylston of its proportion of the school fund for 1876.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Cambridge,—

Harvard College. *Ordered*, That the Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to render the president, professors and instructors of Harvard College eligible to seats in the Senate and House of Representatives, agreed to by the last General Court, be taken from the files and referred to a joint special committee of the two branches.

The Speaker appointed on the part of the House the members of the committee on the Judiciary.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham,—

Fire inquests. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is expedient to fix the amounts of fees and expenses chargeable in fire inquests.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford,—

Committee on elections. *Ordered*, That in cases now pending before, or which may be referred to the committee on Elections, the committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Introduced on Leave.

Ten-hour law. By Mr. Pierce of West Boylston, a Bill to repeal chapter 221 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the regulation of hours of labor in manufacturing establishments. Read and referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Boston Produce Exchange. By Mr. Brackett of Boston, a Bill to incorporate the Boston Produce Exchange. Read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, a Bill to establish the salary of the second clerk in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Read and referred to the committee on Finance. Second clerk in secretary's department.

Papers from the Senate.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows :—

The annual report of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund. To the committee on Education. Mass. school fund.

The annual report of the Inspector-General of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. To the committee on Military Affairs. Inspector-General's report.

Petition of the Bay State Transportation League for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. To the committee on Railroads. Boston & Chicago Railway Trust Co.

Petition of Henry James and others (from Senate files) for the establishment of forest conservatories. To the committee on Agriculture. Forest conservatories.

A Resolve providing for the distribution of certain special laws of the Commonwealth, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing. Special laws.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Vineyard Grove Company for amendment of its charter. Vineyard Grove Company.

By Mr. Swain of Nantucket, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Hayes for a change in the time of payment of state aid. State aid.

By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Philip D. Minot for state aid. P. D. Minot.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax. Highway tax.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve authorizing the selectmen of the town of Marlborough to remove certain remains of the dead. Marlborough.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Michael Murphy for state aid, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To extend the time for organizing certain railroad corporations under chapter 99 of the Acts of the year 1876;

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year (amended on motion of Mr. Pope of Somerville);

Making appropriations for the compensation and travel of the members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes;

To punish embezzlements by trustees, guardians, executors and administrators; and

To confirm certain acts of the town of Methuen; and a Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of the state Reform School for boys, at Westborough, was read a second time, and, under suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Newton of Southborough, took its third reading and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution in relation to commissioners of insolvency, was read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, was referred to the next General Court.

At 4.35, adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 25, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, petitions of Albert L. Norris and 35 others, and Samuel F. Hunt and 45 others; by Mr. Reynolds of Monson, petition of J. L. Woods and 29 others; by Mr. Ellis of Melrose, petition of Samuel E. Sewall and 55 others; by Mr. Crocker of Fitchburg, petition of F. Maguire and 20 others; by Mr. Swain of Nantucket, petitions of Matthew Barney and 93 others, and Catherine Starbuck and 70 others; and by Mr. Newton of Bolton, petition of John Whitely and 58 others,—severally for woman suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Newton of Boston, remonstrances of A. D. Williams and others, Moses H. Day and others, and Richard F. Andrews and others,—severally against the abolition of the municipal court of the Roxbury District. Roxbury municipal district court.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of James R. Reynolds and others that the Schouler Guards of New Bedford may be reorganized, and petition of George B. Richmond and others in aid of the same. Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Schouler Guards.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petition of Samuel Hillman for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. Samuel Hillman.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad Company for authority to issue preferred stock. Referred to the committee on Railroads. B., C., F. & N. B. R. R.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, petition of John L. Cole for compensation for damages caused by the reconstruction of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Referred to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. John L. Cole.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, petitions of the selectmen and others of the towns of Great Barrington, Huntington and Bedford; by Mr. Tappan of Manchester, petition of the selectmen and others of Manchester; and by Mr. Stickney of Groveland, petition of the selectmen and others of Groveland,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

Street peddlers.

By Mr. Ranlett of Newton, remonstrance of Blanchard & Atkins and 59 others; and by Mr. Osgood of Salem, remonstrance of Irving Stone and 75 others,—severally against the petition of the mayor of Boston relative to temporary occupation of public streets by vendors of papers, fruit, etc.

Fidelity Assurance Co.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of Frederick O. Prince and others in aid of petition of Ezra Farnsworth and others for incorporation as a Fidelity Assurance Company.

Mass. Historical Society.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, petition of the Massachusetts Historical Society for amendment of their act of incorporation.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Melcher of Salem,—

Text-books.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 47 of the Acts of the year 1876, relative to text-books in public schools, by adding at the end thereof the words "on giving up a copy of the superseded book in condition fit to be used."

On motion of the same gentleman,—

School registers.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider whether any amendments are necessary or expedient to chapter 40 of the General Statutes, in reference to keeping school registers and returns.

On motion of Mr. Perry of Medford,—

Deposits in savings banks.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of reducing the tax on the deposits in savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Daniels of Oxford,—

Safety of buildings.

Ordered, That the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to secure the public against loss of life in factories and public buildings from insufficient means of egress therefrom, and if so, to report such a bill as may seem to be demanded for the public safety.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Osgood of Salem, was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Printing:—

Census of 1875.

Ordered, That five thousand additional copies of the census of 1875 be printed; three thousand copies for the

use of the members of the Legislature, five hundred copies for the use of the Bureau of Statistics, and one thousand five hundred copies to be deposited with the Secretary of State for distribution.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any further legislation is necessary in the interest of good morals to prevent the selling of pools on elections, horse-races, and other doubtful issues, in this Commonwealth. Pool-selling.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether the existing statutes relating to attachment bonds enable an assignee of funds attached by trustee process to dissolve such attachment by giving bond; also whether a general attachment bond in the form now prescribed by statute dissolves an attachment of goods, effects, or credits in the hands of a trustee; and whether any legislation is necessary or expedient in relation thereto. Dissolving attachments.

On motion of Mr. Osborn of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared a list of the committees, in memorandum form, not exceeding three hundred and fifty in number, for the use of the members of the Legislature. Pocket-books.

Subsequently, Mr. Pillsbury of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was adopted, which motion, being considered under suspension of the rule, was carried; and on request of the same gentleman the order was laid over, pending the recurring question on its adoption.

Papers from the Senate.

The Resolve in favor of the State Reform School for Boys, at Westborough, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred. State Reform School.

The following papers were referred in concurrence:—

Petitions of Jonathan Drake and 459 others, and Eliphalet Trask and 204 others, severally for woman suffrage. Severally to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Petition of the Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank for power to hold additional real estate. To the committee on Banks and Banking. Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank.

Patrick Mihan.

Petition (from files) of Patrick Mihan for compensation for work done on the State House; and

Lee & New Haven R. R.

Petition (from files) of the selectmen of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland for reimbursement for money expended in the partial construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad. Severally to the committee on Claims.

Reports of Committees.

Eleventh Essex District.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of S. S. McGibbons and others for a recount of the votes for representative in the Eleventh Essex District. A minority of the committee, consisting of Messrs. Babson, Wilde and Ingalls, also presented their views, recommending that the petition be recommitted to the committee with instructions to recount the votes.

Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Electoral votes.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the Resolution concerning the bill reported in Congress for counting the electoral votes, that the same ought to pass in a new draft, as follows:—

Resolutions relating to the counting of the electoral votes.

Whereas, Conflicting constructions of the provisions of the constitution of the United States, relating to the counting of the electoral votes, exist between the two houses of congress; and

Whereas, It is in the highest degree important to the best interests of the whole country that this great controversy should be immediately settled in a way to command the confidence of the country; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the senate and house of representatives of Massachusetts hereby express their approval of the plan reported by the joint committee of the two houses of congress, for the counting of the electoral votes for president and vice-president of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That it is desirable that an amendment to the constitution should be proposed by congress, clearly prescribing the mode of counting the electoral votes, to the end that this nation may be under a government of laws and not of men.

3. *Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be

requested to transmit a copy of these resolves to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, the resolutions were at once considered under suspension of the rule, a motion of Mr. Washburn of Cambridge to amend by striking out the preamble was carried, and the yeas and nays being ordered on the request of Mr. Bird of Walpole, the resolutions were adopted by a vote of 189 yeas to 19 nays, and sent up for concurrence, the vote being as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cone, George N.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Cunningham Thomas.

Messrs. Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Davis, Charles W.
Delano, Obed.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Dewey, Justin.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Huse, Caleb B.
Ingalls, Charles H.

Messrs. Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lovell, John D.
Low, Francis.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, Baxter E.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.

Messrs. Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Roads, Samuel.
Robinson, William.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanborn, John C.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Train, William G.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Walker, Joseph.
Walsh, James L.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.

Messrs. Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Messrs. Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George A.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Bryant, William H. H.
Chase, Charles H.
Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Dean, George A.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gray, Franklin.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Holley, Richard.
Messrs. Johnson, Peter R.
Mackintosh, James.
Melcher, George B.
Osborn, Weaver.
Smith, Iram.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Thayer, Francis N.
Whitaker, John B.
Winslow, Isaac.

Yeas, 189; nays, 19.

Taken from the Table.

Appropriation bill No. 2.

The Bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, was taken from the table on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, and under suspension of the rules moved by that gentleman, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Hayes for a change in the time of payment of state aid; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Philip D. Minot for state aid;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Vineyard Grove Company for amendment of its charter, was accepted.

The bill to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax (amended on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton); and the

Resolve authorizing the selectmen of the town of Marlborough to remove certain remains of the dead;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To extend the time for organizing certain railroad corporations under chapter 99 of the Acts of the year 1876;

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year;

Making appropriations for the compensation and travel of the members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes;

To punish embezzlements by trustees, guardians, executors and administrators; and

To confirm certain acts of the town of Methuen; and the Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.30, adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 26, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The eleventh annual report of the Harbor Commissioners was received, referred to the committee on Harbors, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, petition of Sarah D. Tucker and 24 others; by Mr. Bartlett of Sterling, petition of Alfred Collier and 30 others; by Mr. Cook of Milford, petition of Aaron Holmes and 46 others; by Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petition of S. D. Wardwell and 35 others; and by Mr. Newton of Southborough, petition of A. G. Shepard and 20 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Hudson.

By Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, petition of the selectmen of Hudson for reimbursement for rent of an armory.

W. Shanly.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petition of Walter Shanly for reimbursement for losses on contract for construction of the Hoosac Tunnel.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of the Cattle Fair Hotel for authority to discontinue the use of their building as a public house. Cattle Fair Hotel.

By Mr. Low of Chelsea, petition of the Ladies' Union Relief Society for an act of incorporation to enable them to hold real estate. Ladies' Union Relief Society.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of Abraham H. Tower for an amendment of the law relative to removing material from beaches in the town of Scituate. Referred to the committee on Harbors. A. H. Tower—Scituate beaches.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, petition of the Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company for amendment of charter. Referred to the committee on Insurance. Cotton and Woolen Manuf. Mut. Ins. Co.

By Mr. Cobb of Dedham, remonstrance of Lyman Smith and 306 others against granting petition of the New York and New England Railroad Company for leave to abandon certain stations in Norwood. Referred to the committee on Railroads. N. Y. & N. E. R. R.—Norwood.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Sessions of Wilbraham, petition of the selectmen and others of Palmer; by Mr. Reynolds of Monson, petition of the selectmen and others of Brimfield; by Mr. Howard of Easton, petition of the selectmen and others of Easton; by Mr. Lonergan of Canton, petition of the selectmen and others of Canton; and by Mr. Lessey of Amherst, petition of the selectmen and others of South Hadley,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, remonstrances of M. L. Wallis and 13 others, A. M. Putnam and 40 others, and A. F. Rich and 28 others; by Mr. White of Boston, remonstrances of J. R. Worthen and 20 others, G. W. Armstrong and 19 others, James B. Wheeler and 13 others, C. H. Russell and 63 others, and J. H. Sweet and 24 others; by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, remonstrances of William Hadley and others, A. G. Carr and others, and C. C. Ryder and others; by Mr. Kinsman of Winchester, remonstrances of Henry Hervey and 92 others, J. F. Gomley and 47 others, and W. M. Parker and 20 others; by Mr. Thayer of Boston, remonstrance of J. T. Eldredge Street pedlers.

and 94 others; by Mr. Wentworth of Boston, remonstrance of James Wight and 199 others; and by Mr. Hale of Boston, remonstrance of P. T. Brigham and 244 others,—severally against granting the petition of the mayor of Boston relative to temporary occupation of portions of the public streets by vendors of papers, fruit, etc.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, was referred under the rule to the committee on Printing:—

Deputy Tax Commissioner's report.

Ordered, That one thousand five hundred copies of the annual report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner be printed, of which seven hundred copies shall be for the use of said deputy commissioner.

On motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston,—

Centennial plate.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of providing that such a number of copies of the centennial plate, published in honor of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia and of the one hundredth anniversary of American independence, as the committee may determine, be furnished the Adjutant-General's office for distribution as follows: one to the Adjutant-General's office of each State in the Union, one to the commanding officer of each organization in this State (past and present), and to the different organizations themselves, as the committee may direct.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Women visitors.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of providing by law for the appointment of a board of women visitors, who shall hold substantially the same relation to the inspectors of the state institutions at Monson and Tewksbury, as is held by the advisory board of the Commissioners on Prisons to that commission.

On motion of Mr. Eird of Walpole,—

Westborough Reform School.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire into the circumstances attending the late disturbance in the Westborough Reform School; whether it is an established part of the reformatory system of the institution to refer such offences to the criminal courts; whether in this case the alleged offenders had the

assistance of counsel; and whether it is or not the duty of the Commonwealth to furnish counsel in such cases.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Milford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of requiring all contracts for the conditional sale and delivery of personal property to be recorded in the town or city where the person resides to whom such property is sold and delivered. Conditional sales.

The following order, offered by Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, was laid over on request of Mr. Washburn of Worcester:—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two Houses cause the 20th joint rule to be published once a week in three daily newspapers of the city of Boston; also in one newspaper in each other city of the Commonwealth, until the first day of March. Twentieth joint rule.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Osborn of Fall River, and laid over, relative to list of committees in memorandum form, was referred to the committee on Printing on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, and sent up for concurrence. Pocket-books.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, a Bill to prevent injury to animals. Read, referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence. Injury to animals.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a Bill to extend the time during which the city of Worcester is authorized to lay out a public park and to establish and maintain a reservoir. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Worcester public park.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing sufficient instruction for the children of Massachusetts, relative to the poisonous plants, insects, reptiles and other poisonous animals to be found within her borders, as shall enable them to protect themselves from bodily harm, and also prevent unnecessary fear. Poisonous plants and animals.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit said institutions at such times as they may deem expedient. Committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Edwin Adams.

The petition of Edwin R. Bliss and 91 others in aid of the petition of Edwin Adams relative to the Danvers Lunatic Hospital, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Petition of Edwin Adams.

The following orders were referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing:—

Commonwealth flats.

Ordered, That three hundred extra copies of the report of the Agents of the Commonwealth's Flats at South Boston, with the accompanying maps, be printed for the use of said agents.

Board of Health.

Ordered, That ten thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health be printed, five thousand of which shall be at the disposal of the Board, two thousand five hundred copies shall be numbered and take their place in the series of public documents for the present year, and the remainder shall be for the use of the members of the Legislature.

Resolve Passed.

Resolve passed.

A Resolve in favor of the State Reform School for Boys at Westborough (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Boston & Chicago Railway Trust Co.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the petition of the Bay State Transportation League for an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same and recommending its reference to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Hamilton Manufacturing Co.

By Mr. Adams of Townsend, from the committee on Manufactures, a Bill to authorize the Hamilton Manufacturing Company of Lowell to increase its capital stock.

Mass. Historical Society.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Elections, on the petition of S. S. McGibbons and others asking for a recount of the votes for representative in the 11th Essex District was considered. After debate, a motion by Mr. Babson of Boston to amend by substituting the report of the minority was lost, 77 to 95, and the report was accepted. Orders of the day.

The Bill to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax, was read and laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, pending the question on passing it to be engrossed.

The Resolve authorizing the selectmen of the town of Marlborough to remove certain remains of the dead was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.35, adjourned.

MONDAY, January 29, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, a member of the House.

The annual report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners was received, and referred to the committee on Railroads. Railroad Commissioners.

A communication was received from the Insurance Commissioner, furnishing suggestions relative to legislation on the subject of insurance. Referred to the committee on Insurance, and ordered to be printed. Insurance Commissioner.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, petitions of F. O. Prince and others, and William Gaston and others, severally in aid of petition of C. F. A. Francis and others relative to the organization of a colored infantry company in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. Colored infantry.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of D. H. Follett for payment of mileage to and from camp, for First battalion cavalry.

1874 and 1875, to Companies A and D, 1st Battalion Cavalry, M. V. M.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of Samuel Pitcher and 26 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Drunkards.

By Mr. Cornish of New Bedford, petition of George T. Stearns for a law disfranchising drunkards, etc. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Westport.

By Mr. Reed of Dartmouth, petition of the selectmen of Westport for extension of the time for construction of a certain way and bridge in said town. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Sawin Academy.

By Mr. Johnson of Holliston, petition of the trustees of Sawin Academy for authority for the town of Sherborn to raise money in aid of said academy. Referred to the committee on Education.

Amesbury Savings Bank.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, petition of the Amesbury Savings Bank for change of name to the Merrimac Savings Bank. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Boston & Worcester R. R. Mutual Benefit Association.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, petition of the Boston and Worcester Railroad Mutual Benefit Association for amendment of charter. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Stoughton St. Baptist Church.

By Mr. Atherton of Boston, petition of the Stoughton Street Baptist Church, of Boston, for leave to mortgage its property. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, petitions of the selectmen and others of Granville, Bellingham, and Granby; by Mr. Delano of Marion, petition of the selectmen and others of Mattapoisett; by Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, petition of the selectmen and others of Beverly; by Mr. Luther of Rehoboth, petition of the selectmen and others of Rehoboth; by Mr. Swain of Nantucket, petition of the selectmen and others of Nantucket; and by Mr. Batchelder of Middleton, petition of the selectmen and others of Lynnfield,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Street pedlers.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, remonstrances of J. H. Giberson and 83 others, Elisha Clarke, Jr., and 19 others, and G. W. Dean & Co. and others; and by Mr. Noyes

of Boston, remonstrance of Frank H. Atwood and 16 others,—severally against granting the petition of the mayor of Boston relative to temporary occupation of public streets by vendors of papers, fruit, etc.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, in the discharge of the duty imposed on them by the order of the House instructing them to inquire into the circumstances attending the late disturbance in the Westborough Reform School, have authority to send for persons and papers. Westborough Reform School.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire whether any further legislation is necessary with reference to the class of persons known as tramps, or idle vagrants. Tramps.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads inquire into the expediency of requiring that railroad locations shall be recorded with the suitable registries of deeds throughout the Commonwealth. Locations of railroads.

On motion of Mr. Macomber of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the committee on Revision of the Judicial System consider the expediency of revising the law in relation to clerks of municipal and district courts acting as bail commissioners. Clerks of courts as bail commissioners.

The following order, offered by Mr. Walsh of Boston, was referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That one thousand five hundred extra copies of the Harbor Commissioners' Report be printed; eight hundred for the use of the Legislature, and seven hundred for the use of the Harbor Commissioners. Harbor Commissioners.

The order offered on Friday by Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, and laid over, relative to publication of the 20th joint rule, was adopted. Twentieth joint rule.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by statute that when pro- Bankrupt poor debtors.

ceedings in bankruptcy are commenced by a person who has applied to take the oath for the relief of poor debtors, under chapter 124 of the General Statutes, the hearing of such application shall be continued for a reasonable time, to enable the applicant to apply for his discharge in bankruptcy.

Papers from the Senate.

Public lands in the Back Bay.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Lands investigate and report what lands in the Back Bay have been donated to public institutions; upon what conditions; whether the terms of conveyance have been complied with by the owners; and what reversionary rights to the property still remain to the State.

Sumner medal.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Library consider and report upon a suitable place of deposit for the medal presented to the Commonwealth by the late Charles Sumner, so that the people may have an opportunity of viewing the same whenever they desire so to do.

State library.

A Resolve providing for the printing of the new catalogue of the state library, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows:—

Useful birds.

Petition of William Minot and others for incorporation as the Massachusetts Society for the Protection of Useful Birds. To the committee on Agriculture.

W. Shanly.

Petition (from files) of Walter Shanly for payment of claims for work done on the Hoosac Tunnel. To the committee on Claims.

Surgeon-General.

The annual report of the Surgeon-General of the Commonwealth. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Vienna exposition.

The report of William Watson, commissioner to the Vienna Exhibition. To the committee on Education.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To dissolve the corporation of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy; and

Making appropriations for the compensation and travel of the members of the Legislature, and for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, assistant clerks, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of

the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes:

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William M. Child and others for the dissolution of the Worcester Organ Company. Worcester Organ Co.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of certain of the paymasters of the M. V. M. for promotion from the rank of captain to that of major. Paymasters.

By Mr. Wilde of Concord, from the committee on Elections, on the petition of F. P. Merriam, a resolution concerning the seat as representative from the Thirteenth Essex District. Thirteenth Essex District.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Warren of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, that the Bill (on leave) to amend chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1876, entitled an Act to supply the town of Hingham with pure water, ought to pass. Hingham water supply.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Veteran Association of the Independent Corps of Cadets. Read and ordered to a second reading. Independent Cadets.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Bill to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax. After debate the bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence. Highway tax.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Bird of Walpole moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House yesterday accepted the report of Eleventh Essex District.

the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw on the petition of S. S. McGibbons for the seat as representative from the Eleventh Essex District. The yeas and nays being ordered, at the request of Mr. Bird, the House refused to reconsider, by a vote of 85 yeas to 108 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelder, Francis E.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Bradford, George.
Brown, J. Henry.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cobb, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cook, William H.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Flagg, George A.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hill, Clement H.
Howard, William C.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Low, Francis.
Messrs. Lowe, Lewis G.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Read, William A.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Turner, John.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sidney F.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wing, Daniel.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Ayer, Edwin.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bryant, William H. H.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cook, John H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Doane, Abiathar.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Fairbank, John B.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Goulding, Frank P.
Gray, Franklin.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hillis, John.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.

Messrs. Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lee, Henry.
Lovell, John D.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Martin, Isaac B.
Melcher, George B.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Pierce, Darius.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Reed, George R.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, James H.
Robinson, William.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tompkins, William R.
Tuttle, Augustus S.

Messrs. Wade, Levi C.
Washburn, Emory.
Watts, William.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Messrs. Whitney, Edward.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.

Yeas, 85; nays, 108.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

To authorize the Hamilton Manufacturing Company of Lowell to increase its capital stock; and

In addition to an act to incorporate the Massachusetts Historical Society;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

At 3.35, adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 30, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Gas and gas-meters.

The annual report of the State Inspector of Gas and Gas-meters was received. Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Petitions Presented.

Roxbury district court.

By Mr. Newton of Boston, remonstrances of Albert Palmer and others, Edward Wise and others, S. C. Cobb and others, Benjamin E. Cotting and others, and H. E. Cobb & Co. and others,—severally against the abolition of the municipal court of the Roxbury District.

Severally referred to the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System.

Edwin Adams.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petitions of H. M. Phinney and 42 others, F. B. Goss and others, and Owen Bearse and others; and by Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Jesse H. Jones and others,—severally in aid of petition of Edwin Adams, relative to the Danvers Lunatic Hospital.

Severally referred to the committee on Petition of Edwin Adams.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Lonergan of Canton, petitions of John M. Forbes and 15 others, and Mrs. Edwin Davis and 10

others; and by Mr. Walker of Royalston, petition of J. P. Lynde and 243 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Bearse of Falmouth, petition of Allen Look and others for a law defining the limits of certain ponds in Dukes County. Dukes County ponds.

By Mr. Barnes of Plymouth, petition of the selectmen and others of Plymouth for exemption of certain ponds from the operation of the law relative to cultivation of useful fishes. Useful fishes.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

By Mr. Cogswell of Ipswich, petition of D. G. Todd and others for a prohibitory liquor law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Prohibitory law.

By Mr. Pierce of West Boylston, petition of the Massachusetts Central Railroad Company for extension of time in which to locate and construct its road. Referred to the committee on Railroads. Mass. Central R. R. Co.

By Mr. Canfield of Stockbridge, petition of D. C. Richmond and others for a division of the town of Adams. Referred to the committee on Towns. Adams.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, petition of Parker & Stevens for payment of balance due them for masonry work on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Referred to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Parker & Stevens.

By Mr. Quirk of Boston, petition of Patrick O'Riordan for payment for a horse injured while in care of employés of the State. Referred to the committee on Claims. Patrick O'Riordan.

By Mr. Luther of Rehoboth, remonstrance of F. S. Stevens and 163 others against the petition of E. M. Thurston and others relative to bridging Lee's and Cole's rivers. Referred to the committee on Harbors. Lee's and Cole's rivers.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petition of Nelson Burrows and others, commissioners, for amendment of the Act authorizing the construction of a highway and bridge at Turner's Falls. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Turner's Falls Bridge.

By Mr. Cobb of Dedham, petition of the Norfolk Agricultural Society for authority to assess its members. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Norfolk Agricultural Society.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Cole of Williamstown, petition of the selectmen Highway damages.

and others of Lanesborough; by Mr. Kinsman of Winchester, petition of the selectmen and others of Winchester; by Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, petition of the selectmen and others of Sudbury; by Mr. Adams of Townsend, petition of the selectmen and others of Shirley; and by Mr. Montague of North Brookfield, petition of the selectmen and others of North Brookfield,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Street pedlers.

By Mr. Read of Lowell, remonstrance of J. R. Hayes and others against the petition of the mayor of Boston relative to the temporary occupation of portions of the public streets by venders of papers, fruit, etc.

Cheese Cake Brook.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, petition of the city council of Newton for authority to widen, deepen and straighten Cheese Cake Brook.

Weymouth and Braintree fire district.

By Mr. Hayden of Weymouth, petition of Augustus J. Richards and others for an Act to dissolve the Weymouth and Braintree Fire District.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Barton of Dalton,—

Fencing railroads.

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider what legislation, if any, is necessary for the protection and safety of the public in regard to the proper fencing of railroads which were chartered or constructed previous to April 17, 1841.

On motion of Mr. Kelley of Cambridge,—

Truant officers.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of amending section 2, chapter 262 of the Acts of 1873, relating to the appointment of truant officers, and providing in said amendment that the power of making the appointments of said officers shall be vested in the mayor and aldermen of cities and the selectmen of towns.

On motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston,—

Danvers Hospital.

Ordered, That the joint special committee on the petition of Edwin Adams be empowered and directed to inquire into the expenditures authorized and incurred in the purchase of land for and the erection and construction of the Insane Hospital at Danvers; in what manner, and for what property, labor and material, said expenditure

was incurred; whether under written contract, or otherwise; by whom said labor and material has been furnished; at what cost; with an estimate of the value thereof, and the profit realized therefrom. Also what proportion of said labor and material have been paid for; in what state of completion said buildings and appurtenances now are, with the probable expense necessary to complete and fit the same for occupancy; said committee to have power to send for persons and papers, and to report to this Legislature in writing by bill, resolve or otherwise, as they may deem expedient.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Assignment of counsel.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is necessary or expedient relative to the assignment by the supreme judicial court of counsel to act for persons charged with capital offences, and the provision for compensation to counsel so assigned.

Introduced on Leave.

Justices of district courts.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, a Bill to regulate the compensation of special justices of district courts. Read, referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Committee on Railroads.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers and to employ clerical assistance in any matters that may come before them which in their opinion the public interest may require.

Sentence of convicts.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of amending chapter 174, section 17, of the General Statutes, relating to sentence of convicts, by striking out the words "one year" and substituting the words "three years."

State securities.

The report of the committee on Expenditures, that the securities in the hands of the Treasurer and Receiver-General are in good condition, etc., accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; and

In addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Albert L. Coolidge.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Centennial Matters, on a petition and on the Governor's address, a Resolve in favor of Albert L. Coolidge.

Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Contracts with officers of cities.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 274 of the Supplement to the General Statutes, concerning contracts with the officers of cities; and

Ibid.

Inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to amending chapter 232 of the Acts of 1875, relating to contracts with certain public officers.

Fraudulent debtors.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to arrest of fraudulent debtors on mesne process.

Schouler Guards.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. R. Reynolds and others, that the Schouler Guards of New Bedford may be reorganized, and a petition in aid of the same.

Steam vehicles.

By Mr. Martin of Southbridge, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William G. Clark for legislation allowing the use of vehicles propelled by steam or other motive power on highways.

Reports of the committee on Printing:—

Flats.

By Mr. Mahony of Boston, that the order for printing three hundred extra copies of the report of the Agents of the Commonwealth's Flats at South Boston, with accompanying maps, for the use of said agents, ought to be adopted.

Tax Com'r.

By Mr. Wing of Yarmouth, that the order to print one

thousand five hundred copies of the annual report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner ought to be adopted.

By Mr. Huse of Newburyport, that the order to print two thousand extra copies of the report of the Commission on the Revision of the Judicial System of the State ought to be adopted. Revision of judicial system.

By Mr. Cook of Milford, that the order for printing five thousand additional copies of the Census of 1875 ought to be adopted. Census, 1875.

By Mr. Whitmore of Montague, that the order for printing ten thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health ought to be adopted. Board of Health.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, the vote whereby the Bill to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax, was yesterday passed to be engrossed was reconsidered; and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Mellen of Worcester. Highway tax.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on petition of certain paymasters of the M. V. M. for promotion from the rank of captain to that of major, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William M. Child and others for the dissolution of the Worcester Organ Company, was accepted.

The resolution concerning the seat as representative from the Thirteenth Essex District, was adopted.

Bills:

To incorporate the Veteran Association of the Independent Corps of Cadets; and

To amend chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1876, entitled an Act to supply the town of Hingham with pure water;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

At 3.10, adjourned.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; and

In addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Albert L. Coolidge.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Centennial Matters, on a petition and on the Governor's address, a Resolve in favor of Albert L. Coolidge.

Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Contracts with officers of cities.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 274 of the Supplement to the General Statutes, concerning contracts with the officers of cities; and

Ibid.

Inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to amending chapter 232 of the Acts of 1875, relating to contracts with certain public officers.

Fraudulent debtors.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to arrest of fraudulent debtors on mesne process.

Schouler Guards.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. R. Reynolds and others, that the Schouler Guards of New Bedford may be reorganized, and a petition in aid of the same.

Steam vehicles.

By Mr. Martin of Southbridge, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William G. Clark for legislation allowing the use of vehicles propelled by steam or other motive power on highways.

Reports of the committee on Printing:—

Flats.

By Mr. Mahony of Boston, that the order for printing three hundred extra copies of the report of the Agents of the Commonwealth's Flats at South Boston, with accompanying maps, for the use of said agents, ought to be adopted.

Tax Com'r.

By Mr. Wing of Yarmouth, that the order to print one

thousand five hundred copies of the annual report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner ought to be adopted.

By Mr. Huse of Newburyport, that the order to print two thousand extra copies of the report of the Commission on the Revision of the Judicial System of the State ought to be adopted. Revision of judicial system.

By Mr. Cook of Milford, that the order for printing five thousand additional copies of the Census of 1875 ought to be adopted. Census, 1875.

By Mr. Whitmore of Montague, that the order for printing ten thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health ought to be adopted. Board of Health.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, the vote whereby the Bill to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax, was yesterday passed to be engrossed was reconsidered; and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Mellen of Worcester. Highway tax.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on petition of certain paymasters of the M. V. M. for promotion from the rank of captain to that of major, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William M. Child and others for the dissolution of the Worcester Organ Company, was accepted.

The resolution concerning the seat as representative from the Thirteenth Essex District, was adopted.

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At 3.10, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Att'y-General.

The annual report of the Attorney-General was received, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Board of Education.

The annual report of the Board of Education was received, referred to the committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, petitions of Mrs. Judson Ewell and 53 others, and Mrs. Hannah C. D. King and 31 others; by Mr. Whitney of Belmont, petition of J. Howard Stone and 68 others; and by Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, petition of Paulina Gerry and 78 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Musquashuit Creek.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petitions of Alfred Haskell and others and Philip D. Minot and others,—severally for an Act to preserve the eel fisheries in Musquashuit Creek and tributaries.

Mass. Anglers' Association.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the Massachusetts Anglers' Association for an Act for the protection of lobsters.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Chicopee Water Company.

By Mr. Bragg of Chicopee, petition of Charles McClallan and others for the incorporation of the Chicopee Water Company.

Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation.

By Mr. Thomas of Brookline, petition of C. W. Ruggles and others for amendment of the charter of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School.

By Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, remonstrance of B. L. Howes and others against the consolidation of the Deerfield Academy and Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School. Referred to the committee on Education.

Onset Bay Grove Association.

By Mr. Delano of Marion, petition of H. S. Williams and others for incorporation as the Onset Bay Grove

Association. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, petition of Thomas J. Edmands and others for a change in the militia law relative to the reënlistment of soldiers honorably discharged. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Reënlistment of soldiers.

By Mr. Marchant of Rockport, petition of Norman E. Mayo and 49 others in aid of the petition of Edwin Adams. Referred to the committee on the Petition of Edwin Adams. Edwin Adams.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, petition of the selectmen and others of Groton; by Mr. Luther of Reholoth, petition of the selectmen and others of Seekonk; by Mr. Newton of Bolton, petition of the selectmen and others of Bolton; by Mr. Cogswell of Ipswich, petition of the selectmen and others of Rowley; by Mr. Allen of Freetown, petition of the selectmen and others of Freetown; and by Mr. Kinsman of Winchester, petition of the selectmen and others of Arlington,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

By Mr. Wentworth of Boston, petition of George Curtis for a change of the laws in relation to paupers. Paupers.

By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, petition of the overseers of the poor of the town of Groton for legislation relative to the settlement of persons entitled to relief in the towns of Groton and Ayer. Groton and Ayer.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Order.

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Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to procure a clock, to be placed over the Speaker's desk, for the convenience of members of the House.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Gray of Fall River, a Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the Second District Court of Bristol. Read, referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, and sent up for concurrence. Second District Court of Bristol.

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officers in the city of Worcester. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows:—

Woman suffrage.

Petitions of George H. Vibbert and 121 others, G. W. Boynton and 230 others, and William B. Stone and others, —severally for woman suffrage. Severally to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Scholarships in Agricultural College.

Petition of A. L. Murdock and others, that towns and cities may be allowed to appropriate money to establish scholarships at the state agricultural college. To the committee on Agriculture.

Milford Ten Cent Savings Bank.

Petition of J. I. C. Cook and others for the incorporation of the Ten Cent Savings Bank of Milford. To the committee on Banks and Banking.

Bureau of Statistics.

Petition of Leo A. Schiertz and 25 others for extension of the powers of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor. To the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Sunderland Bridge.

Petition of the county commissioners of Franklin County for authority to borrow money for the construction of Sunderland Bridge. To the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Southern Berkshire District Court.

A Bill (on leave from files,) to establish a district court in Southern Berkshire, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill to amend section 11 of chapter 167 of the Acts of the year 1846, relating to supplying the city of Boston with pure water (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Brookline sewers.

By Mr. Warren of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Brookline for authority to borrow money for construction of sewers.

Mount Holyoke Female Seminary.

By Mr. Clapp of Easthampton, from the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the trustees of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary for leave to hold additional real estate.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the discontinuance of the old village burying-ground in the town of West Stockbridge, and the taking of the land of said burying-ground for school purposes. West Stockbridge burial-ground.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in addition to an Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and better preservation of life and property in Boston. Boston building law.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill to regulate the fisheries in Lake Quannapowitt and in Saugus River and its tributaries. Lake Quannapowitt and Saugus River.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Elections, on an order, a Bill in relation to the transaction of business by towns on the day of the general elections in November. Town meetings.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :— Orders of the day.

On an order relative to amending chapter 274 of the Supplement to the General Statutes, concerning contracts with the officers of cities;

On an order relative to arrest of fraudulent debtors on mesne process; and

On an order relative to amending chapter 232 of the Acts of 1875, relating to contracts with certain public officers;

Were severally accepted.

Reports, leave to withdraw :—

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of William G. Clark for legislation allowing the use of vehicles propelled by steam or other motive power on highways; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of J. R. Reynolds and others, that the Schouler Guards of New Bedford may be reorganized, and a petition in aid of the same; and reports of the committee on Printing :—

That the order for printing three hundred extra copies

of the report of the Agents of the Commonwealth's Flats at South Boston, with accompanying maps, for the use of said agents, ought to be adopted;

That the order to print one thousand five hundred copies of the annual report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner ought to be adopted; and

That the order to print two thousand extra copies of the report of the Commission on the Revision of the Judicial System of the State ought to be adopted;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The reports of the committee on Printing:—

That the order for printing ten thousand extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health ought to be adopted; and

That the order for printing five thousand additional copies of the Census of 1875 ought to be adopted;

Were severally considered, and the orders recommitted to the committee on motions respectively of Messrs. Hill of Boston and Rice of Danvers.

Bills:

To authorize the Hamilton Manufacturing Company of Lowell to increase its capital stock;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Historical Society;

To incorporate the Veteran Association of the Independent Corps of Cadets; and

To amend chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1876, entitled an Act to supply the town of Hingham with pure water;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.20, adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 1, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Thurston of Cambridge, petitions of J. M. Thresher and 15 others, and Joshua Kendall and 42 others;

by Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Jesse H. Jones and 136 others; by Mr. Lonergan of Canton, petition of Cordelia A. Clark and 153 others; by Mr. Richards of Lynn, petition of M. M. Averill and 35 others; by Mr. Davis of Templeton, petition of W. A. Eaton and 62 others; by Mr. Lawrence of Groton, petition of Edward Prescott and 45 others; by Mr. Spaulding of Northampton, petition of Seth Hunt and 22 others; and by Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of Henry J. Curtis and 37 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Newton of Holyoke, remonstrances of J. B. Lowell and 69 others, Harvey D. Bagg and 45 others, James E. Champion and 28 others, and Aaron Bagg and 38 others,—severally against the petition of E. S. Flower and others relative to the manner of assessing the expense of the West Springfield dike. West Springfield dike.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Quirk of Boston, remonstrances of S. S. Willson and others and J. H. McDonald and others,—severally against the consolidation of the municipal court of the Charlestown district with that of Boston. Charlestown municipal court.

By Mr. Cole of Williamstown, remonstrance of Paul A. Chadbourne and others against the discontinuance of the Williamstown police court. Williamstown police court.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Carll of Lowell, petition of Mary Fisher for state aid. Mary Fisher.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petition of Philip Mackey for state aid. Philip Mackey.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petitions of Charles Bradley and others and H. S. Stickney and others,—severally for the establishment of the office of harbor-master at Vineyard Haven. Vineyard Haven.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

By Mr. Prescott of Boston, petition of A. K. Tolman and others for incorporation as the New England Commercial Travellers' Association. N. E. Commercial Travellers' Association.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of W. R. Worcester County Musical Association.

Hill and others for the incorporation of the Worcester County Musical Association.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, petition of J. D. Cooley and 66 others in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for loan and building associations. Referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

State Primary School.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a statement by its superintendent of the needs of the State Primary School at Monson. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Draper of Douglas, petition of the selectmen and others of Webster; by Mr. Winslow of Middleborough, petition of the selectmen and others of Middleborough; by Mr. Bowen of Leominster, petition of the selectmen and others of Leominster; and by Mr. Sessions of Wilbraham, petition of the selectmen and others of Wilbraham,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Fidelity Assurance Co.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of William Minot and others in aid of the petition of Ezra Farnsworth and others for incorporation as a Fidelity Assurance Company.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Accounts by trustees, etc.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, petition of W. H. Jennings and 32 others for a law requiring the rendering of accounts annually by trustees, guardians and executors. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Boston,—

Aid to agricultural societies.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Agriculture be directed to inquire and report the number of agricultural societies receiving aid from the State; the number of years each society has received such gratuity, with the sum annually received; and as fully as may be the purposes to which such gratuities are applied by the several societies; also whether such gratuities may not be discontinued without detriment to the interests of the people of the Commonwealth.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wilder of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by a general law for the election of inspectors of election by the mayor and aldermen of cities. Inspectors of elections.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Daniels of Oxford, and laid over, relative to the placing of a clock over the Speaker's desk, was adopted. Clock.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, a Bill relating to pawnbrokers. Bills.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, a Bill respecting sales, gifts and contracts between husband and wife.

By Mr. Thomas of Brookline, a Bill explanatory of an Act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, a Bill to amend chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to savings banks.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was laid over at the request of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn:—

Ordered, That those agricultural societies receiving bounty from the State shall offer as much as eight per cent. of said bounty in premiums for essays on subjects relating to agriculture and committee reports, and that such essays and reports shall be published in their annual transactions. Bounty to agricultural societies.

The following order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That there be printed three hundred extra copies of the sixth annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons for the use of said Commissioners. Prison Commissioners.

The following reports of the committee on Printing, accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow:—

That the order relative to printing one thousand extra copies of the report of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, for the use of said museum, ought to be adopted; and Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

That the order relative to printing extra copies of the report of the Chief Detective ought to pass in the following form:— Chief Detective.

Ordered, That two thousand extra copies of the report of the Chief Detective of the Commonwealth be printed, and that one thousand two hundred copies be placed in the hands of the Chief for distribution.

County taxes.

A Bill to amend section 21 of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, relating to county taxes, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

O. C. R. R. and South Shore R. R. Cos.

A Bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the railroad of the South Shore Railroad Company, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Loan and building associations.

The petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing the formation of loan and building associations, and the petitions of Roderick Munroe and 104 others, William Knight and 38 others, H. A. Littlefield and 18 others, C. B. Boyce and 16 others, and Charles H. Bailey and 24 others, in aid of the same, were severally referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Bureau of Statistics.

The petition of Jacob Morlock and 38 others for an extension of the powers of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was referred in concurrence to the same committee.

Resolve Passed.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve to furnish certain books and documents to the town of Merrimac (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Lord's Day.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 9 of chapter 84 of the General Statutes so as to include keeping open shop on the Lord's Day in the provisions of that section.

Commissioners Mass. School Fund.

By Mr. Wilson of Taunton, from the committee on Education, no legislation necessary on the annual report of the commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Ladies' Union Relief Society.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the

Ladies' Union Relief Society for an Act of incorporation to enable them to hold real estate. Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule.

By Mr. Madden of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a resolve in favor of the Farr Alpaca Company of Holyoke. Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance. Farr Alpaca Company.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, from the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill in relation to Wellesley College. Wellesley College.

By Mr. Pierce of West Boylston, from the committee on Manufactures, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Potomska Mills to increase its capital stock and to issue special stock. Potomska Mills.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to fix the fees and expenses chargeable in fire inquests. Fire inquests.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to extend the time during which the city of Worcester is authorized to lay out a public park and to establish and maintain a reservoir, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. Worcester Park.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the annual report of the State Inspector of Gas and Gas-meters. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence. Gas and gas-meters.

Orders of the Day.

Reports: Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Trustees of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary for leave to hold additional real estate; and

Of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Brookline for authority to borrow money for the construction of sewers;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To regulate the fisheries in Lake Quannapowitt, and in Saugus River and its tributaries;

To authorize the discontinuance of the old village burying-ground in the town of West Stockbridge, and the taking of the land of said burying-ground for school purposes; and

In addition to an Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and better preservation of life and property in Boston;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to the transaction of business by towns on the day of the general elections in November, was read a second time and recommitted to the committee on Elections, on motion of Mr. Winslow of Middleborough.

At 4 o'clock, adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 2, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. Merriam.

Mr. Merriam of Middleton, who was declared, by a resolution of the House, entitled to the seat as representative from the Thirteenth Essex District, appeared and was conducted to the council chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. Pierce of Methuen, and having been duly qualified, report was made accordingly.

Ibid.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Merriam would take the place of Mr. Batchelder of Middleton on the committee to which the latter was originally appointed.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Hannum of Cambridge, petition of H. F. Walling and 120 others, and by Mr. Thompson of Woburn, petition of H. B. Hayes and 49 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Edward Farrell.

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, petition of Edward Farrell for reimbursement of money paid as surety for the appearance of a prisoner in court.

Maria J. Crosby.

By Mr. Stickney of Groveland, petition of Maria J. Crosby for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Gray of Fall River, remonstrance of Hiram Buffinton and 102 others against petition of E. M. Thurston and others relative to bridging Lee's and Cole's rivers; and petition of the selectmen of Somerset that said town may not be required to bear any part of the expense of laying out a highway over said rivers. Lee's and Cole's rivers.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

By Mr. Donald of Andover, petition of the selectmen of Andover for amendment of the charter of the Punchard Free School. Referred to the committee on Education. Punchard Free School.

By Mr. Dean of Attleborough, petition of the selectmen and others of Attleborough for legislation tending to abate the evil of "tramps." Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Tramps.

By Mr. Taylor of Haverhill, petition of E. P. Hayes and others in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, relative to building and loan associations. Referred to the committee on Labor and Decennial Census. Building and loan associations.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petition of James Newton for damages for lands taken by the State in the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Referred to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. James Newton.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bradford of Duxbury, petition of the selectmen and others of Carver for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Highway damages.

Estimates of taxes from the several counties were received and referred to the committee on County Estimates. County taxes.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of appropriating a sum of money sufficient to provide for indexing and binding the official correspondence of the Executive Department during the war, to be expended under the direction of the Governor. Executive war correspondence.

On motion of Mr. Wilder of Lowell,—

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies of the list of committees of the two branches be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature. Committee lists.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Agricultural societies.

The Senate order relative to agricultural societies receiving bounty from the State, laid over yesterday, was amended on motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn so as to instruct the committee on Agriculture to consider the expediency of a law making similar provisions to those contained in the order. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Special laws.

A Resolve providing for the distribution of volume thirteen of the Special Laws of the Commonwealth, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

Cotton and Woolen Mut. Ins. Co.

Of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company for amendment of charter; and

Harbor Commissioners.

Of the committee on Harbors, inexpedient to legislate, on the annual report of the Harbor Commissioners;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Reports of Committees.

O. E. Eaton.

By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Osborne E. Eaton.

Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

M. Morey.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Maurice Morey for a hearing relative to his imprisonment without a trial.

Pocket-books.

By Mr. Wing of Yarmouth, from the committee on Printing, that the order relative to printing lists of committees in memorandum form ought not to be adopted.

North End Free Dispensary.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of M. C. Grier and others for the incorporation of the North End Free Dispensary Association of Boston.

P. O'Loan.

By Mr. Swain of Nantucket, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Patrick O'Loan for state aid.

By Mr. Clark of Springfield, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles H. Chandler for state aid. C. H. Chandler.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Boston and Worcester Railroad Mutual Benefit Association. Boston and Worcester R. R. Mut. Benefit Association.

Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Consideration of the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 9 of chapter 84 of the General Statutes, relating to the observance of the Lord's Day in the matter of keeping open shop, was postponed until Monday, on motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston, pending a motion by the same gentleman to amend the report by substituting a bill, which was ordered to be printed. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Education, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Printing, recommending the adoption of an order for printing extra copies of the report of the Trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, for the use of said museum, was rejected in non-concurrence.

The report of the same committee, that an order relative to printing two thousand extra copies of the report of the Chief Detective ought to pass, was accepted in concurrence, with an amendment moved by Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence, to provide for the printing of five hundred extra copies, and as amended the order was adopted and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Bills:

In relation to Wellesley College (amended on motion of Mr. Eddy of West Bridgewater);

To authorize the Potomska Mills to increase its capital stock and to issue special stock (amended on motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford);

To extend the time during which the city of Worcester

is authorized to lay out a public park and to establish and maintain a reservoir;

To fix the fees and expenses chargeable in fire inquests; and

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the railroad of the South Shore Railroad Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To regulate the fisheries in Lake Quannapowitt, and in Saugus River and its tributaries (amended on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston); and

To authorize the discontinuance of the old village burying-ground in the town of West Stockbridge, and the taking of the land of said burying-ground for school purposes;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and better preservation of life and property in Boston, was read and recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, pending the consideration of amendments moved by Messrs. Madden and Chapin of Boston.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Thayer of Blackstone moved to reconsider the vote by which an order providing for a clock over the Speaker's desk was yesterday adopted, pending the consideration of which motion, the House

At 4.55, adjourned.

MONDAY, February 5, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Wood's Hole pilots.

By Mr. Bearse of Falmouth, petition of Thomas Hinckley, Jr., and others, that the pilots of Wood's Hole harbor

may have certain rights and privileges granted to pilots elsewhere.

By Mr. Gray of Fall River, remonstrance of J. M. Leonard and others against the petition of E. M. Thurston and others, relative to bridging Lee's and Cole's rivers. Lee's and Cole's rivers.

By Mr. Lowe of Bridgewater, petition of N. H. Dunphe and others for restoration of the navigability of Green Harbor in Plymouth County. Green Harbor.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, petition of Andrew Johnson and others for a law requiring the closing of liquor shops at certain hours, and on the Sabbath. Liquor shops.

By Mr. Tappan of Manchester, petition of D. W. Friend and 47 others for a prohibitory liquor law. Prohibitory law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park, petition of J. M. Williams and others, and by Mr. Tappan of Manchester, petition of James Hall and 42 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, remonstrance of Z. T. Hollingsworth and 72 others against the discontinuance of certain stations of the New York and New England Railroad in Norwood. Referred to the committee on Railroads. N. Y. & N. E. R. R.

By Mr. Thayer of Blackstone, petition of Napoleon T. Sheehan for state aid. Referred to the committee on Claims. N. T. Sheehan.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, remonstrance of S. Blackinton and others against the division of the town of Adams. Referred to the committee on Towns. Adams.

By Mr. Lonergan of Canton, petition of William Houghton and 35 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of George W. Bailey and others for a law authorizing the town of Scituate to pay certain bounties. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Scituate bounties.

By Mr. Peters of Boston, remonstrance of A. S. Brown and others against the abolition of the municipal court of the West Roxbury District. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. West Roxbury municipal court.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a communication from State Almshouse.

the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, relative to a new barn at said institution. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Reed of Dartmouth, petition of the selectmen and others of Dartmouth; by Mr. Sessions of Wilbraham, petition of the selectmen and others of Ludlow; by Mr. Delano of Marion, petition of the selectmen and others of Rochester; by Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of the selectmen and others of Westminster; by Mr. Rice of Danvers, petition of the selectmen and others of Wenham; and by Mr. Johnson of Holliston, petition of the selectmen and others of Sherborn,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Street pedlers.

By Mr. Studley of Rockland, remonstrance of Franklin Poole and others against petition of the mayor of Boston, relative to the occupation of portions of the streets by venders of papers, fruit, etc.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

District and police courts.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System consider the expediency of restricting the civil jurisdiction of district and police courts to cases where one or both parties live within the territorial limit of the court.

Sent up for concurrence.

Voting districts.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be directed to consider the expediency of dividing towns into two or more districts for the purpose of voting.

Introduced on Leave.

Cruelty to animals.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, a Bill to amend section 6 of chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1869, for the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Hoosac Tunnel Committee.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad be

authorized to employ a clerk, if in their judgment the public good shall require.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Harbors consider and report as to the expediency of petitioning the General Government to remove Bass and Gurnet rocks, off Gurnet Head in Plymouth Bay. Bass and Gurnet rocks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad consider the expediency of the purchase by the State of certain maps and profiles, made by A. W. Hoyt, of the railroad routes from Boston to the Hoosac Tunnel. Hoosac Tunnel maps.

The following order, taken from the Senate files, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Banks and Banking:—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of legislation granting to other similar corporations the same powers granted to the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company. Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

Petitions were referred in concurrence, as follows:—

Of Edward S. Davis and 8 others, and of Warren Tapley and 374 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Harmon Hall and others for the annexation of a part of Saugus to Lynn. Severally to the committee on Towns. Saugus and Lynn.

Of officers and members of the Industrial School Association, and of members of the Boston Board of Trade,—severally in aid of the memorial of the National Board of Trade for the establishment of Art and Science Schools. Industrial Schools.

Of J. F. Paul and others, members of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, for an appropriation for the School of Practical Mechanism at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ibid.

Severally to the committee on Education.

Of H. B. Maglathlin and others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Loan and building associations.

Of Joseph Werner and 53 others, Ivan Panin and 41 others, and Jacob Arens and 142 others,—severally for extension of the powers of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Bureau of Statistics.

Severally to the committee on Labor and Decennial Census.

Report of a Committee.

Executors, etc.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order and a petition, a Bill requiring administrators, executors, guardians and trustees to render their accounts annually. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Maurice Morey for a hearing relative to his imprisonment without a trial was accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of M. C. Grier and others, committee of the North End Free Dispensary Association of Boston, for an Act of incorporation;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles H. Chandler for state aid;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Patrick O'Loan for state aid; and

Of the committee on Printing, that an order relative to printing lists of committees in memorandum form ought not to be adopted;

Were severally accepted and the first three sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company for amendment of charter, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Harbors, inexpedient to legislate, on the annual report of the Harbor Commissioners, was recommitted to the committee on motion of Mr. Hall of Boston, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 9 of chapter 84 of the General Statutes, relating to the observance of the Lord's Day in the matter of keeping open shop, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston, pending his motion to amend by substituting a bill.

The motion of Mr. Thayer of Blackstone to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted an order for a clock over the Speaker's desk was lost.

The Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Boston and Worcester Railroad Mutual Benefit Association was read and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve providing for the distribution of volume thirteen of the Special Laws of the Commonwealth was read a second time, and rejected. Subsequently, on motions of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the vote of rejection was reconsidered, and the resolve recommitted to the committee on Printing.

The Bill to authorize the Potomska Mills Corporation to increase its capital stock and to issue special stock was read, and its further consideration postponed until tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Pierce of West Boylston.

Bills:

In relation to Wellesley College;

To extend the time during which the city of Worcester is authorized to lay out a public park and to establish and maintain a reservoir; and

To fix the fees and expenses chargeable in fire inquests;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the railroad of the South Shore Railroad Company was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 2.50, adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 6, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Kelley of Cambridge, petition of Henry W. Thurston and 126 others; by Mr. Sheldon of Wilmington, petitions of A. L. Carr and others and Edward Appleton and others; by Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of Edward P. Walters and 47 others; by Mr. Chapin of Boston, petition of Patrick Mullins and 19 others; and by Mr. Kimball of Enfield, petition of P. W. Lyman and others,

—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Adams.

By Mr. Anthony of Adams, remonstrance of W. C. Plunkett and others against the division of the town of Adams.

Saugus and Lynn.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of N. A. Ramsdell and 477 others in aid of the petition of Harmon Hall and others for the annexation of a part of Saugus to Lynn.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Stockbridge.

By Mr. Canfield of Stockbridge, petition of the town of Stockbridge for reimbursement of money paid for rent of an armory; and

Jas. McCormick.

Petition of Noah Gibson and others for state aid for James McCormick.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, petition of the selectmen and others of Whately for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Superior Court at Fall River.

By Mr. Gray of Fall River, petition of citizens of Fall River, Somerset and Freetown for the holding of a term of the Superior Court at Fall River.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Manuscript archives of Mass.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others for an index of the manuscript archives of Massachusetts. Referred to the committee on Education.

North River.

By Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, petition of Elijah Damon and others for amendment of the Act of 1876, relative to the fisheries in North River, Plymouth County. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

West Springfield Dike.

By Mr. Newton of Holyoke, remonstrance of the town of West Springfield against a change in the manner of assessing the expense of the West Springfield Dike. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Street pedlers.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, remonstrances of B. F. Seaver and others, W. S. Hills and others, S. L. Newton and others, A. A. Smith and others, Daniel Gregory and others, and T. J. Calnan and others,—severally against

the petition of the mayor of Boston relative to the occupation of portions of the public streets by venders of papers, fruit, etc.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Snow of Barnstable,—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of amending section 7 of chapter 304 of the Acts of 1870, in relation to deer. Deer.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the committee on Revision of the Judicial System inquire into the expediency of dividing the county of Essex into judicial districts, and establishing district courts therein. Essex County.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Goulding of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending sections 44 and 49 of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1874, relating to the duties of ward and town officers when the right to vote is challenged; and also sections 45 and 50 of the same chapter, relating to the penalty for violating the preceding sections. Town and ward officers.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any further legislation is necessary to regulate the use of tombs in the cities of this Commonwealth. Tombs.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, a resolve relating to certain records of the vice-admiralty court of Massachusetts Bay, in the possession of the Boston Athenæum. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Vice-Admiralty Court.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred in concurrence as follows:—

Of the New England Trust Company for an amendment of its charter, authorizing it to act as trustee, receiver, executor, administrator or guardian. To the committee on Banks and Banking. N. E. Trust Company.

Of W. A. McKenzie and others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan Loan and building associations.

and building associations. To the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Saugus and Lynn.

Remonstrance of W. G. S. Keene and 178 others against the annexation of a part of Saugus to Lynn. To the committee on Towns.

Second district court Eastern Worcester.

Remonstrance of the selectmen and others of the towns of Harvard, Lancaster, Bolton, Sterling and Berlin against the abolition of the Second District Court of Eastern Worcester. To the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company.

Petitions of Danforth, Scudder & Co. and 62 others, Nazro & Co. and 74 others, F. M. Holmes & Co. and 96 others, for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. To the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill to extend the time for organizing certain railroad corporations under chapter 99 of the Acts of the year 1876 (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reconsideration.

Cotton and Woolen Manfrs. Insurance Co.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the vote of yesterday by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Insurance, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company for amendment of charter, was reconsidered; and on further motion of the same gentleman, the matter was recommitted to the committee on Insurance, and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petitions for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the same, and recommending their reference to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of D. H. Follett for payment of mileage to Companies A and D, 1st Battalion Cavalry, M. V. M., and recommending its reference to the committee on Claims. 1st Battalion Cavalry.

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By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the assignment of counsel in capital cases. Counsel in capital cases.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James H. Look for redress of grievances caused by illegal acts of a state constable. J. H. Look.

By Mr. Russell of Lowell, from the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John W. Perkins and others for a law granting pensions to teachers following the profession for twenty years and upward. Pensions to teachers.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Mahony of Boston, from the committee on Printing, that the Resolve providing for the distribution of volume thirteen of the Special Laws of the Commonwealth ought to pass in a new draft with the same title. Special laws.

By Mr. Hillis of Maynard, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill relating to the appointment of trustees under wills. Trustees under wills.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the Amesbury Savings Bank. Amesbury Savings Bank.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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At 2.40, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 7, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Boyd of Boston.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of H. Lord and 33 others; by Mr. Sheldon of Wilmington, petition of Anna J. Barstow and 60 others; by Mr. Taylor of Haverhill, petition of W. H. Spencer and others; by Mr. Davis of Templeton, petition of A. C. Ellinwood and 19 others; by Mr. Tuttle of Milford, petition of G. W. Stacy and 10 others; by Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, petition of Mary A. Osgood and 138 others; by Mr. Sleeper of Cambridge, petition of Hannah Brown and 34 others; by Mr. Whitehouse of Boston, petition of William Lloyd Garrison and 51 others; by Mr. Walden of Lynn, petition of B. Percival, Sr., and 15 others; by Mr. Fairbank of Oakham, petition of Henry E. Rice and 45 others; by Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of Sarah E. S. Robbins and 26 others; by Mr. Quirk of Boston, petition of Mrs. J. D. Foster and 71 others; and by Mr. Winship of Wakefield, petition of John Winship and 130 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

M. J. Lincoln.

By Mr. Cunningham of Somerville, petition of George O. Brastow and others for state aid for Margaret J. Lincoln.

G. E. Lincoln.

By the same gentleman, petition of Robert A. Vinal and others for state aid for George E. Lincoln.

Jane Parks.

By Mr. Hannum of Cambridge, petition of Jane Parks for state aid.

Patrick Mahan.

By Mr. Cook of Milford, petition of Delia Mahan for bounty due Patrick Mahan, deceased.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petitions of J. C. Hall and 65 others and Samuel S. Pratt and 68 others,—severally in aid of the petition of the Boston Land Company, relative to the improvement of certain flats and construction of a ship channel in Boston Harbor. Boston Land Co.

By Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, petition of B. S. Bryant and others for restoration of the navigability of Green Harbor, in Plymouth County. Green Harbor.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

By Mr. Perkins of Springfield, petition of F. W. Anderson and others in aid of the petition of E. S. Flower and others, relative to the assessment of the expense of the West Springfield Dike; and West Springfield Dike.

By Mr. Newton of Holyoke, remonstrance of William Knox and others against the granting of said petition. Ibid.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, petition of W. Wendell and 256 others; and by Mr. Turner of Boston, petition of Stephen Harris and 17 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

By Mr. Ellis of Melrose, petition of the New England Guard for permission to parade in public with arms. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. N. E. Guard.

By Mr. Davis of Templeton, petition of the selectmen and others of Petersham for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Highway damages.

By Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, petition of Charles Moulton and 44 others for a prohibitory liquor law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Blackstone,—

Ordered, That the committee on Revision of the Judicial System inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution of this Commonwealth that the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver- Election of state officers.

General, Auditor, and Attorney-General shall be elected for the term of three years each.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Election of senators.

Ordered, That the committee on Revision of the Judicial System inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution of this Commonwealth, that senators shall be elected for terms of three years each; one-third of the whole number to be elected each year.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Election of representatives.

Ordered, That the committee on Revision of the Judicial System inquire into the expediency of so amending the Constitution of this Commonwealth that representatives to the General Court shall be elected for terms of two years each; one-half of the whole number to be elected each year.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Cambridge,—

Anderson School of Natural History.

Ordered, That the Attorney-General be requested to examine into the petition of the Anderson School of Natural History for leave to reconvey their property to the donor, and to wind up their trust, and report thereon to this House.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester,—

Z. G. Mitchell.

Ordered, That the Attorney-General be requested, through the district attorney of the south-eastern district, to investigate the subject-matter of the petition of Zerviah G. Mitchell, now pending before the General Court, and report the facts to the present session, if practicable, and if not, to the next General Court, with his opinion whether the same ought to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Husband's estate in wife's real property.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of providing by law that the husband have an estate for life in the real estate of his deceased wife, notwithstanding the failure of issue.

Introduced on Leave.

Partnerships.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, a Bill to provide for taking the certificate required in special partnerships out of the Commonwealth. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of the Massachusetts Temperance Alliance for a prohibitory liquor law was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Henry James and others for the establishment of forest conservatories, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Forest conservatories.

The report of the committee on Printing, on an order relative to printing two thousand extra copies of the Chief Detective's report, accepted by the House in concurrence, with amendments reducing the number of copies to five hundred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the amendments. A motion of Mr. Mahony of Boston, that the House recede from its amendments, was lost, and the report was sent to the Senate with an indorsement that the House insisted on its amendments. Chief Detective.

A Bill to authorize the Connecticut River Railroad Company to contract for leasing or operating connecting railroads, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads, under suspension of the 22d joint rule. Conn. River Railroad.

The Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution, to render the president, professors and instructors of Harvard College eligible to seats in the Senate and House of Representatives, agreed to by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Harvard College.

Bills: Bills.

To amend an Act to authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester; and

To incorporate the Boston Produce Exchange;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint special committee on the Revision of the Judicial System be authorized to report in print. Com. on Judicial System.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Wentworth of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an Probate Courts.

order relative to giving probate courts concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial court in matters of divorce.

20th Middlesex District.

By Mr. Babson of Boston, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George F. Scribner for the seat as representative from the Twentieth Middlesex District, and a petition in aid of the same.

Norfolk Agricultural Society.

By Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, from the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Norfolk Agricultural Society for authority to assess its members.

Harbor Com'rs.

By Mr. Mahony of Boston, from the committee on Printing, that the order relative to printing one thousand five hundred extra copies of the Harbor Commissioners' report ought to be adopted.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Educational appropriations.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on the report of the State Board of Education, in part, a Resolve for the payment of certain educational expenses. Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Town elections.

By Mr. Winslow of Middleborough, from the committee on Elections, to whom was recommitted the Bill in relation to the transaction of business by towns on the day of the general elections in November, that the same ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Text-books.

By Mr. Wilson of Taunton, from the committee on Education, on an order, a Bill to amend section 3 of chapter 47 of the Acts of the year 1876, in relation to text-books in the public schools.

Lord's Day.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill in regard to travelling on the Lord's Day.

Musquashuit Creek.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, from the committee on the Fisheries, on two petitions, a Bill to preserve the eel fisheries in Musquashuit Creek and tributaries, in the towns of Scituate and Cohasset.

Vice-Admiralty Court.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Resolve relating to certain records of the vice-admiralty court of Massachusetts Bay, in the possession of the Boston Athenæum, ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to assignment of counsel in capital cases was accepted. Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James H. Look for redress of grievances caused by illegal acts of a state constable; and

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John W. Perkins and 69 others for legislation granting pensions to such teachers as shall follow the profession for twenty years and upwards;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To change the name of the Amesbury Savings Bank; and

Relating to the appointment of trustees under wills; and a

Resolve providing for the distribution of volume thirteen of the Special Laws of the Commonwealth (amended on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston);

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill requiring administrators, executors, guardians and trustees to render their accounts annually was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.30, adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 8, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Bird of Natick, petitions of F. N. Peloubet and 80 others, Walter N. Mason and 48 others, and Horatio Alger and 72 others; by Mr. Taylor of Haverhill, petition of R. O. Newell and 20 others; by Mr. Chapin of Boston, petition of Francis J. Baxter and 88 others; by Mr. Warren of Boston, petition of Isabel M. Kelren and 55 Woman suffrage.

others; by Mr. Lonergan of Canton, petition of John Littlefield and 13 others; by Mr. Whitehouse of Boston, petition of J. H. Maynard and 34 others; by Mr. Hall of Boston, petition of J. F. Cushing and 112 others; by Mr. Quirk of Boston, petition of S. S. Willson and 67 others; by Mr. Perry of Medford, petition of Elizabeth Dean and 145 others; by Mr. Bancroft of Boston, petition of Mrs. S. J. Blaisdell and 52 others; by Mr. Tilton of Haverhill, petition of J. M. Ordway and 19 others; by Mr. Heustis of Boston, petition of E. A. Bachelder and 31 others; by Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, petition of Mrs. George Freeman and 29 others; by Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of Rufus B. Gifford and 84 others; by Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of Mrs. C. E. Crocker and 21 others; by Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, petition of Julia Sparks and 21 others; by Mr. Tompkins of Boston, petition of Silvanus Smith and 83 others; and by Mr. Penney of Lynn, petition of Mrs. H. A. Smith and 29 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

New England Commercial Travellers' Association.

By Mr. Prescott of Boston, petitions of E. R. Mudge, Sawyer & Co. and others, Thomas Dana & Co. and others, Moore, Smith & Co. and others, C. A. Browning & Co. and others, A. W. Beard and others, Barnes, Ward & Co. and others, Damon, Temple & Co. and others, Skinner, Goddard & Co. and others, and Frost Bros. & Co. and others,—severally in aid of the petition for incorporation of the New England Commercial Travellers' Association.

Lawrence Gas Company.

By Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence, petition of the Lawrence Gas Company for authority to extend its pipes into the towns of Andover, North Andover and Methuen.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

F. P. Merriam.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, petition of Francis P. Merriam for reimbursement of money expended in securing his seat in the House of Representatives.

T. J. Burns.

By Mr. Mahony of Boston, petition of Timothy J. Burns for state aid.

Benj. Huddell.

By Mr. Chase of Salem, petition of Benjamin Huddell for back pay.

Lee & New Haven R. R.

By Mr. Canfield of Stockbridge, petition of citizens of Stockbridge, New Marlborough, Great Barrington, Sheffield and Monterey for reimbursement to the towns of

Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland of money expended by them on the Lee & New Haven Railroad.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Atherton of Boston, remonstrance of John H. Robinson and 106 others, and by Mr. Wiswell of Boston, remonstrance of Henry L. Pierce and 156 others,—severally against the abolition of the municipal court of the Dorchester District. Dorchester district court.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, petition of the selectmen and others of Wellfleet, and by Mr. Merriam of Middleton, petition of the selectmen and others of Middleton,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, petitions of Ambrose Eastman and others, C. A. Bartol and others, and John D. Philbrick and others,—severally in aid of the petition of the National Board of Trade for the establishment of Art and Science Schools. Industrial schools.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of D. Eldredge and 33 others, and by Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, petition of S. F. Davis and 17 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

By Mr. Hannum of Cambridge, petition of Mrs. George D. Chamberlin and 300 others for a prohibitory liquor law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of Henry A. Seaverns and others for the privilege of removing material from Scituate Beach. Referred to the committee on Harbors. Scituate beach.

By Mr. Bartlett of Peabody, petition of the selectmen and 190 others of Peabody, that the Eastern Railroad Company may be prohibited from obstructing a certain public square in said town. Referred to the committee on Railroads. Eastern R.R. Co.

By Mr. Lowe of Bridgewater, petition of the Inspectors of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater for authority to State workhouse.

purchase additional land. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bates of Cohasset,—

Dogs. *Ordered*, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of increasing the fees for licensing dogs; also of providing for the muzzling of dogs running at large.

On motion of Mr. Heywood of Worcester,—

Ibid. *Ordered*, That the committee on Agriculture consider whether any legislation is necessary to prevent the licensing of dogs the breed of which is particularly liable to go mad.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Prisons. *Ordered*, That so much of the Governor's address and the annual report of the Board of State Charities as relates to prisons be referred to the committee on Prisons.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tilton of Haverhill,—

Apothecaries. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of reporting a bill to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of druggists and apothecaries in this State.

On motion of Mr. Lee of Boston,—

Public parks and commons. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what further legislation, if any, is necessary to protect public commons and parks from being misapplied by their custodians.

On motion of Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington,—

Witnesses. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1870, in relation to witnesses.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Insurance brokers. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of further legislation to compel the proper payment by insurance brokers and agents of moneys collected by them to the persons or corporations entitled thereto.

On motion of Mr. Merrill of Salisbury,—

Woman suffrage. *Ordered*, That the use of the hall of the House of

Representatives be granted to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage on Tuesday forenoon, February 13th inst., for a public hearing.

The following order, offered by Mr. Osgood of Salem, was laid over at his request:—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed 400 copies of the lists of committees in memorandum form, without the diary and case therefor which have heretofore been furnished under a similar order. Pocket-books.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, a Bill relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate. Real estate.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a Bill to establish the board of registrars of voters of the city of Worcester, and to regulate the preparation and revision of the voting lists in said city. Worcester voting lists.

Severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Cattle Fair Hotel in the town of Brighton, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Cattle Fair Hotel.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of offering a premium of two hundred dollars for an essay on the poisonous plants, insects, reptiles and other animals to be found in the State; said essay to be subject to such requirements as may seem wise in the judgment of the committee, and to be published at the expense of the writer. Poisonous plants and animals.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows:—

Petitions of J. M. Kingsbury and 189 others, and A. B. Vorse and 163 others, severally for woman suffrage. To the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Petition of Henry B. Cloutman and others to prevent the manufacturers of gas from turning their tar-waste into the ocean. To the committee on Harbors. Tar-waste.

Petition of the American Academy of Dental Science for incorporation. To the committee on Education. American Academy of Dental Science.

List of pardons granted by the Governor and Council for 1876. To the committee on Prisons. Pardons.

Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company.

Petitions of the Walworth Manufacturing Company and 169 others, William Claflin & Co. and 148 others, Barnes, Ward & Co. and 191 others, Webster & Co. and 134 others, Franklin Snow & Co. and 35 others, Carpenter, Woodward & Morton and 82 others, Jones, McDuffie & Stratton and 25 others, Joseph S. Ropes and 75 others,—severally for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Trust Company. To the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Loan and building associations.

Petition of B. B. Eastman and others in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing the formation of loan and building associations. To the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Highway damages.

Petitions of the selectmen and others of the towns of Warren, West Newbury, Hingham, Pepperell, Norfolk, Wayland, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Lancaster, Essex, Acushnet and Holden,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. To the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill to amend chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1876, entitled an Act to supply the town of Hingham with pure water (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Onset Bay Grove Assoc'n.

By Mr. Tilton of Haverhill, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. S. Williams and others for incorporation as the Onset Bay Grove Association. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston University Woman's Education Society.

By Mr. Clapp of Easthampton, from the committee on Education, that the Bill (on leave) to incorporate the Boston University Woman's Education Society ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

The blind, and deaf mutes.

By Mr. Russell of Lowell, from the committee on Education, on the report of the Board of Education, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the education of the blind, and of deaf-mutes, and for other educational purposes.

By Mr. Whitmore of Montague, from the committee on Printing, on an order, recommitted, a Resolve providing for the printing and distribution of extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health. Board of Health.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, on a communication from the Insurance Commissioner, in part, a Bill to amend chapter 222 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to dividends of joint-stock fire and marine insurance companies, and for other purposes. Insurance companies.

By Mr. Hastings of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on a petition, a Bill in addition to an Act to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes. Attleborough.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, on a general order, a Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year. Appropriation bill, No. 4.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill (on leave) to establish the salary of the second clerk in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth ought to pass with an amendment, substituting for the word "eighteen," in the first section, the word "seventeen." Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. 2d clerk of Secretary's department.

Orders of the Day.

Reports: Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George F. Scribner for the seat as representative from the 20th Middlesex District, and a petition in aid of the same; and

Of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to giving probate courts concurrent jurisdiction with the supreme judicial court in matters of divorce;

Were severally accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Printing, that the order relative to printing fifteen hundred extra copies of the Harbor Commissioners' report ought to be adopted; and

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Norfolk Agricultural Society for authority to assess its members;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Henry James and others for the establishment of forest conservatories was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the transaction of business by towns on the day of the general elections in November was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Elections.

Bills:

To amend section 3 of chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1876, in relation to text-books in the public schools;

In regard to travelling on the Lord's Day;

To preserve the eel fisheries in Musquashuit Creek and tributaries in the towns of Scituate and Cohasset;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester;

To incorporate the Boston Produce Exchange; and

To amend an Act to authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley; and

Resolves:

Relating to certain records of the vice-admiralty court of Massachusetts Bay in the possession of the Boston Athenæum; and

Providing for an amendment to the Constitution to render the president, professors and instructors of Harvard College eligible to seats in the Senate and House of Representatives;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To change the name of the Amesbury Savings Bank;

Relating to the appointment of trustees under wills; and a

Resolve providing for the distribution of volume thirteen of the Special Laws of the Commonwealth;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Motion to Reconsider.

Administrators, etc.

Mr. McCafferty of Worcester moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Bill requiring administrators,

executors, guardians and trustees to render their accounts annually was yesterday passed to be engrossed. The House refused to reconsider.

At 3.12, adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 9, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Thompson of Woburn, petitions of Mrs. George Monroe and 11 others, and M. W. Strout and 36 others; by Mr. Winn of Buckland, petition of Frank J. Bonnelle and 38 others; by Mr. Laws of Brockton, petition of D. L. Cowell and 206 others; and by Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, petition of William H. Brown and 3 others,—severally for woman suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Pierce of West Boylston, petition of the selectmen and others of Shrewsbury; by Mr. Daniels of Oxford, petition of the selectmen and others of Charlton; by Mr. Cook of Milford, petition of the selectmen and others of Mendon; and by Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, petition of the selectmen and others of Hudson,—severally for a change of the law relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defects in highways. Highway damages.

By Mr. Atherton of Boston, remonstrance of R. W. Robinson and 141 others; and by Mr. Wiswell of Boston, remonstrance of Thomas F. Temple and 163 others,—severally against the abolition of the municipal court of the Dorchester District. Dorchester district court.

By Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, petition of S. A. Phillips for increase of his salary as clerk of the First District Court of Southern Middlesex. Clerk 1st district court Southern Middlesex.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, petition of citizens of Lee; by Mr. Cone of Chester, petition of citizens of Granville; and by Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, petition of Lee & New Haven R. R.

citizens of Pittsfield,—severally for reimbursement to the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland of money expended by them on the Lee & New Haven Railroad.

Foster King.

By Mr. Winn of Buckland, petition of Foster King for recompense for work done on the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and for damages to his property caused by the reconstruction of said road.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of William Barnes and 30 others; and by Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of J. B. Willard and 110 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Liquor law.

By Mr. Sessions of Wilbraham, petition of J. A. Chamberlain and 286 others; and by Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, petition of R. F. Goldsmith and 72 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Fresh Pond.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, petition of the mayor of Cambridge for authority to make police regulations for the borders of Fresh Pond.

Corporation Acts.

By Mr. Hastings of Worcester, petition of W. H. Earle and 210 others for an amendment of the general corporation Acts.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

Pocket-books.

The order laid over from yesterday, relative to lists of committees in memorandum form, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Public documents.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of further legislation concerning the printing and distribution of public documents.

On motion of Mr. Prescott of Boston,—

Deer Island.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire what legislation may be expedient to enable persons confined in the public institutions at Deer Island to be employed at labor upon land owned by the city of Boston in the town of Winthrop.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of so amending the laws as to give to married women the same rights in disposing of property by will as are possessed by other persons. Married women.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, a Bill for the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game. Read, referred to the committee on the Fisheries, and sent up for concurrence. Game.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the petition of Edwin Adams be authorized to employ such clerical assistance, in the several matters referred to them, as they may think necessary. Edwin Adams.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System inquire and report what compensation clerks of courts in the several counties receive, and have power to send for persons and papers. Revision of judicial system.

The petition of Katie E. Clark and 232 others for a prohibitory liquor law was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

The remonstrance of N. D. Chase and others against the annexation of a part of Saugus to Lynn was referred in concurrence to the committee on Towns. Saugus and Lynn.

The petition of Samuel D. Glass and 35 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. L. Murdock and others that towns and cities may be allowed to appropriate money to establish scholarships at the State Agricultural College at Amherst; Agricultural College scholarships.

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the Commissioners on Contagious Diseases among Cattle; Cattle diseases.

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the Receiver of the Lancaster Savings Bank; and Lancaster Savings Bank.

Savings banks.

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to savings banks;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the Hamilton Manufacturing Company of Lowell to increase its capital stock;

To incorporate the Veteran Association of the Independent Corps of Cadets;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to purchase the railroad of the South Shore Railroad Company (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mary Fisher.

By Mr. Madden of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Mary Fisher.

Metric system.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on a portion of the Governor's address, a Bill in relation to the metric system of weights and measures.

Boston Upper Harbor.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on the Harbor Commissioners' report, in part, a Bill making an appropriation for the re-survey of the wharf lines of Boston Upper Harbor.

Census.

By Mr. Cook of Milford, from the committee on Printing, to whom was recommitted the order relative to printing additional copies of the census of 1875, a Resolve providing for the printing, binding and distribution of additional copies of the Decennial Census and Statistics of Industry.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Scituate bounties.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of George W. Bailey and others for a law authorizing the town of Scituate to pay certain bounties, and recommending its reference to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for the printing and distribution of copies of the centennial plate published in honor of the M. V. M. Centennial plate.

By Mr. Whitney of Belmont, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for the examination and licensing of persons engaged in running locomotive engines and steam-boilers. Engineers.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the prevention of pool-selling on doubtful issues. Pool-selling.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) explanatory of an Act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on rejection of the bill. Municipal indebtedness.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, on an order and a petition, a Bill to provide for the revocation of licenses of insurance brokers for certain causes. Insurance brokers.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill in relation to qualifications of voters. Voters.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relating to the dissolution of certain attachments by trustee process. Trustee process.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. S. Williams and others for incorporation as the Onset Bay Grove Association was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Shaw of Braintree. Orders of the day.

The Bill to incorporate the Boston University Woman's Education Society was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Education.

The Bill in addition to an Act to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes, was read and recommitted to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford.

The Bill in regard to travelling on the Lord's Day was read, and its further consideration postponed until Tuesday on motion of Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington.

Bills:

To amend chapter 222 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to dividends of joint-stock fire and marine insurance companies, and for other purposes;

To establish the salary of the second clerk in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance);

In further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year; and

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Cattle Fair Hotel in the town of Brighton;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To amend section 3 of chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1876, in relation to text-books in the public schools (its title having been amended by committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

To preserve the eel fisheries in Musquashuit Creek and tributaries in the towns of Scituate and Cohasset; and a

Resolve relating to certain records of the vice-admiralty court of Massachusetts Bay in the possession of the Boston Athenæum;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester;

To incorporate the Boston Produce Exchange; and

To amend an Act to authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley;

Were severally read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution to render the president, professors and instructors of Harvard College eligible to seats in the Senate and House of Representatives was read a third time, and the question being on agreeing to said article of amendment in these words, to wit: "So much of article two of chapter six of the Constitution of this Commonwealth as relates to persons holding the office of president, professor,

or instructor of Harvard College is hereby annulled, and such persons shall be eligible to seats in the Senate and the House of Representatives," it was agreed to, two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting thereon having voted in the affirmative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Atherton, Samuel.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cogswell, John D.
Cole, John L.
Cook, William H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.

Messrs. Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Flagg, George A.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Glynn, Martin T.
Goulding, Frank P.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, Ensign.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lonergan, Thomas.

Messrs. Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Low, Francis.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Marchant, William.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, John P.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Patch, Edwin.
Penny, Alonzo.
Perry, Baxter E.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Robinson, William.

Messrs. Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanborn, John C.
Sanderson, George W.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Torrey, Merritt.
Train, William G.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Walden, Edwin.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, Emory.
Washburn, John D.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George A.
Wilson, George C.

Messrs. Winn, Henry. Messrs. Wiswell, Joseph.
Winship, Thomas. Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Buckminster, Joseph. Messrs. Winslow, Isaac.

Yeas, 188; nays, 2.

At 3.25, adjourned.

MONDAY, February 12, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Rice of Danvers, a member of the House.

The Abstract of the Certificates of Corporations organized in 1876 was received and referred to the committee on Finance. Abstract of corporations.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Atherton of Boston, petition of Mrs. Isabella Allen and 101 others; by Mr. Peters of Boston, petition of G. W. Ballou and 42 others; by Mr. Ellis of Melrose, petition of Rev. Edward Humphrey and 5 others; by Mr. Clark of Winchendon, petition of Sarah L. Alger and 18 others; by Mr. Noyes of Boston, petition of Hannah L. Crowell and 79 others; by Mr. Kinsman of Winchester, petition of Caroline Wellington and others; by Mr. Cunningham of Somerville, petition of Harriet G. Buswell and 11 others; by Mr. Cook of Milford, petition of Rev. George F. Clark and 56 others; and by Mr. Sheldon of Wilmington, petition of S. H. Merrill and 29 others,—severally for woman suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of Mrs. William Claflin and 100 others; by Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition of S. L. White and 39 others; by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of J. T. Wilkinson and 33 others; and by Mr. Train of Boston, petition of David Davis and 19 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

West Roxbury district court.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, remonstrances of William J. R. Evans and others, and Joseph S. Ropes and others, —severally against the abolition of the municipal court of the West Roxbury District.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the mayor and aldermen of Salem; by Mr. Flagg of Millbury, petition of the selectmen and others of Auburn; and by Mr. Cone of Chester, petition of the selectmen and others of Blandford,—severally for a change of the law relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defects in highways.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Herring River.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, petition of the selectmen of Wellfleet for legislation relative to the taking of eels in Herring River, and the removal of obstructions from said river.

Mattapoisett.

By Mr. Delano of Marion, petition of the selectmen and others of Mattapoisett for an Act protecting the eel fisheries in said town.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Eye and Ear Infirmary.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary for an appropriation for its support.

Industrial School for Girls.

By Mr. Newton of Southborough, petition of the trustees of the State Industrial School for Girls for an appropriation for repairs of chapel.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Milford Ten Cent Savings Bank.

By Mr. Tuttle of Milford, petition of Moses Walker and 71 others, in aid of the petition of J. I. C. Cook and others for the incorporation of the Ten Cent Savings Bank of Milford. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Lee & New Haven R. R.

By Mr. Cone of Chester, petition of citizens of Chester that the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland may be reimbursed for expenditures on the Lee and New Haven Railroad. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Liquor law.

By Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, petition of Nathaniel Abbott and 74 others for a prohibitory liquor law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Wilde of Concord, petition of the town of Concord for authority to increase its water loan. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Concord water loan.

By Mr. Bradford of Duxbury, petition of Horatio Adams and 26 others in aid of the petition of Edwin Adams. Referred to the committee on Petition of Edwin Adams. Edwin Adams.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, petition of George T. Bigelow and others for amendment of the law relative to the taxation of corporate property situated in other States. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Taxation of corporate property.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, petition of Peleg W. Chandler and others in aid of the petition of Ezra Farnsworth and others for incorporation as a Fidelity Assurance Company. Fidelity assurance.

By Mr. Tilton of Haverhill, petition of E. G. Frothingham for confirmation of certain acts performed by him as a justice of the peace without being duly qualified. E. G. Frothingham.

By Mr. Wilde of Concord, petition of J. P. Bacon and others for a law for the protection of funds in town treasuries. Town treasuries.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Prescott of Boston, petition of Francis Hayden for the seat as representative from the Twelfth Suffolk District occupied by Edward J. Jenkins. Referred to the committee on Elections. 12th Suffolk District.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Mackintosh of Needham,—

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of five on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join, be appointed, to consider what legislation is necessary to promote just and equal taxation. Just and equal taxation.

Messrs. Brackett of Boston, Dunham of Pittsfield, Buckminster of New Bedford, Bartlett of Peabody, and Glynn of Boston were appointed on the part of the House. Sent up to be joined.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance inquire into the expediency of transferring the amount of the compensation fund for Boston Harbor to the sinking fund provided for by section 3 of chapter 313 of the Acts of 1864, or to Boston Harbor compensation fund.

that provided for by section 3 of chapter 122 of the Acts of 1865.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Stable-keepers.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation giving to stable-keepers a lien upon horses and other animals brought to their stables for their charges for boarding and keeping the same.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Married women.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation relative to the rights of married women in or to their articles of personal apparel and ornament.

Introduced on Leave.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, a Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau. Read, referred to the committee on Military Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Partitions and sales of real estate.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, a Bill relating to partitions and sales of real estate by order of the probate courts. Read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Papers from the Senate.

Moses S. Wheeler.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Claims, on the case of Moses S. Wheeler, be allowed to send for persons and papers.

Interest paid by savings banks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of establishing by law a maximum rate of interest which savings banks may receive on mortgages.

Deposits in savings banks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of so amending section 20 of chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876 as to provide that in case of the death of the trustee of a deposit in a savings bank, such deposit or any part thereof, together with the interest thereon, shall be paid to the person for whose benefit such deposit was made, or to his legal representatives.

Militia laws.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of so amending the militia laws as to provide that the brigade quartermasters, brigade engineers, regimental and battalion quartermasters, and quartermaster sergeants, also one commissioned officer

and a detachment of enlisted men not to exceed five in number from each company, shall proceed to the camp-ground on the day preceding the annual muster for the purpose of laying out the camp and pitching tents; and that they be allowed compensation for daily duty while in camp.

A Bill relating to an Act incorporating the Standish Monument Association, introduced on leave in the Senate, and sent down for concurrence in reference to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, was ruled out by the Speaker under the 22d joint rule. Standish Monument Association.

The report of the committee on Printing, on an order relative to printing extra copies of the Chief Detective's report, on its amendments to which the House insisted, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted upon its non-concurrence, and Messrs. Fitz Gerald, Jewett and Lynde were appointed on its part on a committee of conference. The House concurred in the reference of the matter to a committee of conference, and Messrs. Sanborn of Lawrence, Daniels of Oxford, and Rice of Danvers were appointed on its part. Chief Detective.

Petitions were referred in concurrence as follows:

Of the towns of Becket and Tyringham, severally for reimbursement to the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland of money expended by them on the Lee and New Haven Railroad. To the committee on Claims. Lee & New Haven R. R.

Of Edward Lang and 66 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations; and Loan and building associations.

Of C. H. Schonland and 57 others concerning an extension of the powers of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Bureau of Statistics.

Severally to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Remonstrance of the selectmen and others of Clinton against the abolition of the Second District Court of Eastern Worcester. To the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. 2d district court E. Worcester.

Petition of Anna L. Wright and 338 others for a stringent prohibitory law; and Liquor law.

Memorial of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Massachusetts for the repeal of the license law. Ibid.

Severally to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill to amend chapter 167 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning attachments (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

27th Middlesex District.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Abel G. Haynes for the seat as representative from the Twenty-seventh Middlesex District; with a Resolution concerning the seat as representative from the Twenty-seventh Middlesex District.

Mitchell's River.

By Mr. Sleeper of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George H. Howe and others for leave to build a wharf on Mitchell's River.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston harbor compensation fund.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on the Harbor Commissioners' report, in part, a Bill to appropriate the income of the compensation fund for Boston Harbor.

War correspondence.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on an order, a Resolve relating to the official correspondence of the Executive Department.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Highway tax.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (recommitted) to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax, ought to pass with an amendment.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

Taken from the Table.

Lord's Day.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 9 of chapter 84 of the General Statutes, relating to the observance of the Lord's Day in the matter of keeping open shop, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-

morrow, pending a motion by Mr. Noyes of Boston to amend by substituting a bill.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the Bill to amend chapter 222 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to dividends of joint-stock fire and marine insurance companies, and for other purposes, was discharged from the orders of the day, and its consideration postponed until Wednesday next. Insurance companies.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the prevention of pool-selling on doubtful issues, was accepted. Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for the examination and licensing of persons engaged in running locomotive engines and steam-boilers; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for the printing and distribution of copies of the centennial plate published in honor of the M. V. M.;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence; a subsequent motion by Mr. Noyes of Boston to reconsider the vote accepting the latter report being lost.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of George W. Bailey and others for a law authorizing the town of Scituate to pay certain bounties, and recommending its reference to the committee on the Judiciary, was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Thayer of Boston, to the committee on Military Affairs.

Reports:

Of the committee on Agriculture, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. L. Murdock and others that towns and cities may be allowed to appropriate money to establish scholarships at the State Agricultural College at Amherst;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the Commissioners on Contagious Diseases among Cattle;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the Receiver of the Lancaster Savings Bank; and

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to savings banks;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Bill explanatory of an Act to regulate and limit municipal indebtedness was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills:

To provide for the revocation of licenses of insurance brokers for certain causes; and

Relating to the dissolution of certain attachments by trustee process;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To establish the salary of the second clerk in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (amended on motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn); and

In further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year;

Were severally read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Cattle Fair Hotel in the town of Brighton was read and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to qualifications of voters was read; and on motion of Mr. Mellen of Worcester its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

At 2.50, adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 13, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Cone of Chester, petitions of citizens of the towns of Blandford and Russell; and by Mr. Freeman of New Marlborough, petition of citizens of Mount Washington,—severally for reimbursement to the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland of money expended by them on the Lee & New Haven Railroad. Lee & New Haven R. R.

By Mr. Wentworth of Boston, petition of John Glancy for indemnity for confiscation by the United States of property sold to him by authorities of the Commonwealth. John Glancy.

By Mr. Ellis of Melrose, petition of the selectmen of Melrose for reimbursement for rent of an armory. Melrose.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, petition of Richard F. Andrews for amendment of chapter 41 of the Resolves of 1875 granting him state aid. Richard F. Andrews.

By Mr. Allen of Freetown, petition of A. Frank Howland for arrears of pension. A. F. Howland.

By Mr. Cole of Williamstown, petition of Eunice Spooner for state aid. Eunice Spooner.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Adams of Townsend, petition of Mary J. Sawin and 121 others; by Mr. Ellis of Ashland, petition of Mrs. J. W. Cole and 99 others; by Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, petition of F. H. Stratton and 547 others; and by Mr. Cole of Williamstown, petition of Paul A. Chadbourne and 54 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law. Liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Wiswell of Boston, remonstrance of G. L. Burt and 123 others against the abolition of the municipal court of the Dorchester District. Dorchester district court.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of the mayor and aldermen of Lynn; by Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of the selectmen and others of Cohasset; and by Mr. Ellis of Melrose, petition of the selectmen and others of Melrose,—severally for a change of the law relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defects in highways. Highway damages.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, petition of David Loring and others; and by Mr. Sleeper of Malden, petition of J. H. Jacobs and 132 others,—severally in aid of the Loan and building associations.

petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Taxation.

By Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, petitions of B. W. Packard and 52 others, and C. S. Dupee and 43 others,—severally for just and equal taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Morse of Somerville, petition of Thomas Hovey and 59 others; and by Mr. Turner of Boston, petition of Philip J. Wieland and 33 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Dogs.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, petition of Henry Alley and 87 others for legislation giving further protection from the bite of dogs. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Windsor.

By Mr. Farnum of Cheshire, petition of the selectmen of Windsor for permission to return to the district system for their public schools. Referred to the committee on Education.

East Abington Baptist Society.

By Mr. Studley of Rockland, petition of L. W. Easton and others for change of name of the East Abington Baptist Society. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Private charitable institutions.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the supervision and control by the Board of State Charities of private charitable institutions not incorporated by this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Boston,—

Water supply.

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage consider the expediency of so altering the laws that no city or town shall be allowed to discharge sewage or polluted water into the source of supply of any city or town without first purifying it by filtration, irrigation, or according to the process best known.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kelley of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of legislating in such manner as to protect the employés, agents or servants of the corporations within the Commonwealth from the operations of special or private contracts proposed by said corporations, by and through which said special contracts the legal rights, privileges and immunities of the aforesaid employés, agents or servants are apparently rendered null and void. Employés of corporations.

On motion of Mr. Whitney of Belmont,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of providing by statute for the prevention of cruelty to children. Cruelty to children.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 4 of chapter 107 of the General Statutes, respecting proceedings for declaring the nullity of void marriages. Void marriages.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a Bill to provide salaries for clerks and assistant clerks of courts. Read, referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, and sent up for concurrence. Salaries of clerks of courts.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill in relation to the surrender of securities deposited with the treasurer by insurance companies (reported on communication of Insurance Commissioner), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Insurance companies' securities.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. R. Hill and others for incorporation of the Worcester County Musical Association, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Worcester County Musical Association.

The Bill (on leave) for the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game, referred in the House to the committee on the Fisheries, came down referred in non-concurrence to the committee on Agriculture, in which reference the House concurred. Game.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of heliotyping certain maps Board of Health.

and plans to accompany the eighth annual report of the State Board of Health.

Freight rates on Troy and Greenfield R. R.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint special committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad consider the expediency of so amending chapter 77 of the Acts of 1875, that a percentage of the through rates of freight shall be charged to corporations using the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, instead of the tolls as established by said act.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows:—

Commonwealth flats.

Annual report of the Agents of the Commonwealth Flats at South Boston. To the committee on Harbors.

Prison Com'rs.

Annual report of the Commissioners on Prisons. To the committee on Prisons.

Liquor law.

Petition of John L. Kilbon and 262 others for a prohibitory liquor law. To the committee on the Liquor Law.

Purity of streams.

Petition of Edward H. Lathrop and others for legislation to preserve the purity of streams. To the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Woman suffrage.

Petition of Mrs. E. M. Haynes and 227 others for woman suffrage. To the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Loan and building associations.

Petition of H. T. Elder and 88 others in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations. To the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Highway damages.

Petition of the selectmen of Marblehead for a change in the law relative to damages for injuries received on account of defective highways. To the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Reports of Committees.

Ward 24, Boston.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of the mayor of Boston and H. J. Nazro and others, relative to the establishment of an additional polling place in ward 24, Boston.

Polling places.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing cities and towns to establish additional polling places.

Witnesses.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 393 of the Acts of 1870, in relation to witnesses.

Fencing of railroads.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Rail-

roads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the fencing of railroads constructed previous to 1841.

Lawrence Brewing Co.

By Mr. Ellis of Springfield, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of C. H. Nichols and others for incorporation as the Lawrence Brewing Company.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Apothecaries.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to preventing incompetent persons from conducting the business of druggist, and recommending its reference to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Taxation.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to the taxation of mortgaged real estate, and recommending its reference to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Severally read and accepted under suspension of the rule, and the several matters sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Building law of Boston.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (recommitted) in addition to an Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and better preservation of life and property in Boston, ought to pass with amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the main question being on its engrossment.

County taxes.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to amend section 21 of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, relating to county taxes, ought to pass.

Special partnerships.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to provide for taking the certificate required in special partnerships out of the Commonwealth, ought to pass with an amendment.

Cruelty to animals.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to amend section 6 of chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1869, for the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals, ought to pass.

O. E. Eaton.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Osborne E. Eaton ought to pass.

A. L. Coolidge.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Albert L. Coolidge ought to pass; Mr. Bird of the committee dissenting from the report.

Mary Fisher.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Mary Fisher ought to pass.

Farr Alpaca Company.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the Farr Alpaca Company of Holyoke ought to pass; and

War correspondence.

That the Resolve relating to the official correspondence of the Executive Department ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Westport River.

By Mr. Bradford of Duxbury, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time for the construction of a bridge over the east branch of Westport River.

Appropriation bill, No. 5.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, on a general order, a Bill making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes.

Lands sold for non-payment of assessments.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to provide for the redemption of land sold for non-payment of certain assessments ought to pass in a new draft.

Adams Nervine Asylum.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on petitions, a Bill to incorporate the Adams Nervine Asylum.

Cheese Cake Brook.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Newton to widen, deepen and straighten the channel of Cheese Cake Brook, and to drain the lands adjacent thereto.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To regulate the fisheries in Lake Quannapowitt and in Saugus River and its tributaries; and

To authorize the appointment of a second assistant clerk of the superior court for civil business in the county of Suffolk;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Motion to Reconsider.

Appropriation bill, No. 4.

On motion of Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, the vote of yesterday by which the Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered. The same gentleman then moved a reconsideration of the vote by which an amendment offered by him was rejected. The motion was lost, and the question recurring on engrossment of the Bill, it was again passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Abel G. Haynes for the seat as representative from the 27th Middlesex District, with a Resolution concerning the seat of representative from the 27th Middlesex District, was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

The report of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George H. Howe and others for leave to build a wharf on Mitchell's River, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the revocation of licenses of insurance brokers for certain causes was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in regard to travelling on the Lord's Day was further considered, and after debate was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to qualifications of voters was considered, and pending the question on ordering it to a third reading, the House

At 5.15, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, a member of the House.

Petitions Presented.

Liquor law.

By Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, petition of Mrs. J. D. Brown and 68 others; by Mr. Hayden of Weymouth, petition of Margaret M. Bates and 301 others; by Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, petition of J. H. Ray and 95 others; by Mr. Rice of Danvers, petition of Martha J. Sawyer and others; by Mr. Clark of Winchendon, petition of Mrs. E. W. Fairbank and 75 others; and by Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of C. D. R. Meacham and 205 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, petition of C. P. Nickles and 191 others; by Mr. Rand of Cambridge, petition of Mary P. C. Billings and 16 others; by Mr. Wiswell of Boston, petition of Isaac Ames and 157 others; by Mr. Kinsman of Winchester, petition of Ann Bacon and 4 others; by Mr. Babson of Gloucester, petition of Rev. Richard Eddy and 90 others; and by Mr. Bartlett of Peabody, petition of Daniel Wait and 38 others,—severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Chicopee police court.

By Mr. Bragg of Chicopee, remonstrances of George D. Robinson and others and George S. Taylor and others, severally against the abolition of the police court at Chicopee.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Fairbank of Oakham, petition of the selectmen and others of Barre for a change of the law relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defects in highways.

Brighton district court.

By Mr. Wilson of Boston, remonstrance of C. H. B. Breck and 73 others against the abolition of the municipal court of the Brighton District.

East Boston district court.

By Mr. Whitehouse of Boston, remonstrance of A. H. Taylor and others against the abolition of the municipal court of the East Boston District.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Ten-hour law.

By Mr. Cornish of New Bedford, remonstrances of J. Marsden and 123 others, John Cox and 50 others, and W. G. Smith and others,—severally against the repeal of the ten-hour law.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Randall of Waltham, petition of R. L. Spear and 157 others in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and

others for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

By Mr. Whitmore of Montague, petition of James Burke for an annuity. James Burke.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, petition of the city of Worcester for reimbursement for rent of an armory. Worcester—armory.

By the same gentleman, petition of Elbridge B. Fairbanks for state aid. E. B. Fairbanks.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Wiswell of Boston, petition of citizens of Milton and Boston for amendment of the law concerning the taking of smelts. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Smelts.

By Mr. Barnes of Plymouth, petition of N. B. Spooner and 131 others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Taxation.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of Rodney French and 100 others for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Hillis of Maynard, petition of the county commissioners of Barnstable County for a change of the terms of probate court at Orleans, Wellfleet and Provincetown. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Barnstable county probate court.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads inquire if any further legislation is necessary or expedient regulating the employment of persons by the railroads in this Commonwealth, and defining their rights and duties while so employed. Railroad employés.

On motion of Mr. Stickney of Groveland,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of legislation for the better protection of railway travellers in the Commonwealth against interference from organizations over which the State has no control. Strikes.

On motion of Mr. Laws of Brockton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law be in- Bonds of licensees.

structed to ascertain whether the bonds given by licensed liquor dealers to secure their compliance with the provisions of the license law have been put in suit in cases where the licenses have been revoked for cause, and if not, whether any additional legislation is needed to secure the enforcement of the penalties of these bonds in such cases.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

The license law in Suffolk county.

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law be instructed to inquire and report as to the operation of the license law in the municipal courts of Boston and in the superior court for Suffolk County, with a view to ascertaining what proportion of the cases begun in the lower courts are prosecuted to final judgment, and how many are *nol pros'd*, laid on file, or otherwise abandoned by the prosecuting officers. Also to ascertain and report what methods are pursued by the district attorney of Suffolk County in *nol prosing* or laying on file cases for a violation of the license law.

The following order, offered by Mr. Ayer of Lawrence, was referred under the rule to the committee on Printing :—

Bureau of labor statistics.

Ordered, That there be printed four thousand copies of the eighth annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, two thousand of which shall be for the use of the Legislature and two thousand for the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Weights and measures.

By Mr. Sleeper of Cambridge, a Bill relating to the sealing of weights and measures. Read, referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Public printing.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider and report some plan for the execution of the public printing after the expiration of the existing contract.

Cape Cod Canal.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Harbors investigate and report the probabilities in regard to the building of the Cape Cod Canal within the time specified in the charter of that company, and whether the northern terminus of said canal should not be changed to Plymouth Bay.

The following order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That one thousand five hundred extra copies of the election sermon be printed for the use of the Legislature. Election sermon.

A Bill concerning the duties of assessors in relation to the taxation of personal property, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Assessments of personal property.

A Bill to incorporate the Boston school committee (reported on a petition relative to the Charlestown Free School Fund,) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Boston school committee.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, no legislation necessary, on an order relative to agricultural societies receiving bounty from the State, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Agricultural societies.

Petitions were referred in concurrence as follows:—

Of Mr. Arthur Williamson and 10 others in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations. To the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

Of James R. Davis and others for the establishment of a militia company in Milford. To the committee on Military Affairs. Milford militia.

Of H. E. Fales and 70 others in aid of the petition for a Ten Cent Savings Bank in Milford. To the committee on Banks and Banking. Ten-cent savings bank in Milford.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

In relation to Wellesley College;

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Historical Society;

To incorporate the Boston Produce Exchange;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Catholic Cemetery in Dorchester; and

To amend an Act to authorize the city of Boston to construct a sewer in the Mystic Valley;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Watertown.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Watertown for reimbursement for damages in laying out the Watertown Turnpike. Read, considered under suspension of the rule, and, on motion of Mr. Flagg of Millbury, laid upon the table, a minority of the committee being authorized to present their views in print.

Commonwealth's flats.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on the report of the Harbor Commissioners, in part, a Bill to make a further appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor. Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Metric system.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill in relation to the metric system of weights and measures ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation.

By Mr. Peters of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on a petition, a Bill to amend chapter 176 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to the charter of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports of the committee on the Judiciary:

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing towns and cities to establish additional polling places;

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston and petition of H. J. Nazro and others,—severally for an additional voting place in Ward 24 of Boston; and

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 393 of the Acts of 1870, in relation to witnesses;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles H. Nichols and others for incorporation as the Lawrence Brewing Company, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. R. Hill and others for the incorpo-

ration of the Worcester County Musical Association, was accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the fencing of railroads chartered or constructed prior to 1841, was recommitted to the committee on motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn.

Further consideration of the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 9 of chapter 84 of the General Statutes, relating to the observance of the Lord's Day in the matter of keeping open shop, was postponed until tomorrow on motion of Mr. Winn of Buckland.

Bills:

To extend the time for the construction of a bridge over the east branch of Westport River;

To provide for taking the certificate required in special partnerships out of the Commonwealth (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and as moved by Mr. Hill of Boston);

To provide for the redemption of lands sold for nonpayment of certain assessments;

To incorporate the Adams Nervine Asylum;

Making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes;

To authorize the city of Newton to widen, deepen and straighten the channel of Cheese Cake Brook, and to drain the lands adjacent thereto;

To amend section 6 of chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1869, for the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals;

To amend section 21 of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, relating to county taxes; and

In relation to the surrender of securities deposited with the Treasurer by insurance companies; and

Resolves:

In favor of Osborne E. Eaton;

In favor of Albert L. Coolidge;

In favor of Mary Fisher;

In favor of the Farr Alpaca Company of Holyoke; and

Relating to the official correspondence of the Executive Department;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary);

To amend chapter 222 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to dividends of joint-stock fire and marine insurance companies, and for other purposes; and

In addition to an Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fires, and better preservation of life and property in Boston (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary);

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the dissolution of certain attachments by trustee process was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to qualifications of voters was further considered. After debate, the yeas and nays having been ordered on request of Mr. Roads of Marblehead, the vote on ordering the bill to a third reading stood 97 yeas to 97 nays; as follows:

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cogswell, John D.
Cole, John L.
Cook, John H.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Daniels, George F.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.

Messrs. Donald, William C.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Goulding, Frank P.
Gray, Franklin.
Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.

Messrs. Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lovell, John D.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
Melcher, George B.
Merriam, F. P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Enoch R.
Newton, James H.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Henry B.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sargent, Luther H.
Shaw, Josephus.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.

Messrs. Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Washburn, Emory.
White, James.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cobb, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cook, William H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Curley, Daniel J.

Messrs. Desmond, Cornelius.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Gerry, Charles F.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Halliaan, Patrick H.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Howard, William C.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.

Messrs. Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, William B.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Laws, Alfred.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Low, Francis.
Luther, Hale S.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Marchant, William.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Merritt, Simeon.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, John F.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Messrs. Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Smith, Dana Z.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilson, George A.
Winn, Henry.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 97; nays, 97.

The Speaker thereupon voting in the affirmative, the bill was ordered to a third reading.

At 4.50, adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 15, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Merriam of Middleton, petition of Mrs. A. B. Ripley and 110 others; by Mr. Sargent of Chelmsford, petition of J. A. Bacon and 90 others; by Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park, petition of James Sumner and 163 others;

and by Mr. Tappan of Manchester, petition of J. H. Tenney and 83 others; severally for woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Liquor law.

By Mr. Walker of Royalston, petition of W. E. Goddard and 225 others; by Mr. Bearse of Falmouth, petition of Charles E. Walker and 264 others; and by Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, petition of George T. Chandler and 131 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Taxation.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petitions of D. H. Brown and others, and Charles E. Brown and others; and by Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, petition of E. B. Fowler and 22 others,—severally for just and equal taxation.

Mortgaged property.

By Mr. Kimball of Enfield, petition of William Cole and others; by Mr. Cone of Chester, petition of R. D. Gibbs and others; by Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petition of J. P. Felton and others; and by Mr. Hastings of Worcester, petition of L. F. Bancroft and others,—severally for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Highway damages.

By Mr. Morse of Williamsburg, petition of the selectmen and others of Westhampton for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Jury trial.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of Nathaniel Hinckley for reëstablishment of the safeguards of jury trial.

East Boston district court.

By Mr. Whitehouse of Boston, remonstrance of D. D. Kelly and others against the abolition of the municipal court of the East Boston District.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, petition of F. H. R. Smith and 11 others; and by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of T. J. Mullen and 13 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Edward Carroll. By Mr. Freeman of New Marlborough, petition of H. D. Sisson and others for state aid for Edward Carroll.

Deerfield. By Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, petition of the selectmen of Deerfield for reimbursement for armory rent.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Turner's Falls bridge. By Mr. Whitmore of Montague, petition of corporations in Turner's Falls for the repeal of all Acts relative to a bridge across the Connecticut River in said town.

Ibid. By the same gentleman, remonstrance of the selectmen and 146 others of Montague against the petition of Nelson Burrows and others, relative to a bridge at Turner's Falls.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Wenham lake. By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the mayor of Salem for legislation to prevent the ingress of alewives into Wenham Lake. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Boston—medicine and pharmacy. By Mr. Train of Boston, petition of the Mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing said city to regulate by ordinance the practice of medicine and pharmacy. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Attleborough water supply district. By Mr. Dean of Attleborough, petition of the Attleborough Water Supply District for legislation to define the mode of taxation in said district. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Fidelity assurance. By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of James Sturgis and others in aid of the petition of Ezra Farnsworth and others for incorporation as a Fidelity Assurance Company.

Provincetown. By Mr. Shortle of Provincetown, petition of the town of Provincetown for authority to issue certain bonds.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham,—

Mad dogs. *Ordered*, That the committee on Agriculture inquire what further legislation, if any, is necessary to enable the selectmen more effectually to protect the inhabitants of their respective towns against mad dogs in times of special danger.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield,—

Commissions on harbors, public lands and flats. *Ordered*, That a joint special committee of five on the part of the House, and such as the Senate may join, be

appointed to consider the expediency of consolidating into one board the Board of Harbor Commissioners, the Commissioners on Public Lands, and the Agents for South Boston Flats.

Messrs. Bird of Walpole, Johnson of Brookfield, Osgood of Salem, Hall of Boston, and O'Connor of Boston were appointed on the part of the House.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole,—

Ordered, That the Auditor of Accounts furnish a statement of the amounts paid to or on account of the Commissioners on Public Lands, on Harbors, and on the South Boston Flats, respectively, for each year during the last five years, together with a statement of the moneys paid into the Treasury by each of said boards each year during the same period, and the source from which each item so paid in was derived. Commissions on public lands, etc.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of enacting a law for the better protection and convenience of the public, by compelling engineers of railroads, in case of strikes, to deliver their trains at the end of their routes before abandoning the same. Strikes by engineers.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Farnum of Cheshire, a Bill relating to liabilities of reservoirs for damage to highways. Read, referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges, and sent up for concurrence. Reservoirs.

Papers from the Senate.

A communication from Hon. John Cummings, resigning his office as a state director of the Boston and Albany Railroad, was received from the Senate and read. John Cummings.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the list of pardons granted in 1876, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Pardons.

A Resolve relating to the gold medal presented by the government of Hayti to the late Hon. Charles Sumner, reported on an order, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Sumner medal.

Papers were referred in concurrence as follows:—

Loan and building associations.

Petitions of William Whall and 62 others, Charles Spaulding and 20 others, and Judson D. Harris and 19 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations; and

Ten hour law.

Remonstrance of citizens of New Bedford against the repeal of the ten-hour law.

Severally to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Lee and Otis.

Remonstrance of William Taylor and 30 others of Lee, and E. L. Day and 13 others of Otis, against being included in a new judicial district. Severally to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Liquor law.

Petition of Sarah P. Moore and others, and Georgie F. Lane and 335 others for a prohibitory liquor law. Severally to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Standish monument.

Petition of the Standish Monument Association for repeal of section 3 of chapter 338 of the Acts of 1872. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Reports of Committees.

Husband and wife.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill respecting sales, gifts and contracts between husband and wife ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

State Workhouse.

By Mr. Lowe of Bridgewater, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater. Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Town treasuries.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of J. P. Bacon and others for a law for the protection of funds in town treasuries, and recommending its reference to the committee on Towns.

Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Morse of Somerville, from the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. D. Nichols and others for amendment of the Act of 1876 relative to the fisheries in Taunton Great River.

Board of Health.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, on the Resolve providing for the printing and distribution of extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health, recommending the adoption of the following order as a substitute therefor:—

Ordered, That there be printed five thousand extra copies of the Report of the State Board of Health for the year 1876, to be distributed as follows: Five copies each to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and each member of the Executive Council, Senate and House of Representatives; five copies to the Sergeant-at-Arms, and one copy each to such of his assistants as he may designate, not to exceed twenty-five; five copies each to the Chaplains and Clerks, and one copy each to the Assistant Clerks of the two branches of the Legislature; the remaining copies to be placed at the disposal of the State Board of Health.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Married women's apparel, etc.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relating to the rights of married women in their wearing apparel and articles of personal ornament. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Blind, deaf and dumb.

By Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill making appropriations for the education of the blind and of deaf-mutes, and for other educational purposes, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 9 of chapter 84 of the General Statutes, relating to the observance of the Lord's Day in the matter of keeping open shop, was accepted, the pending motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston to amend by substituting a bill being lost.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, no legislation necessary, on the order relative to requiring agricultural societies receiving bounty from the State to offer certain premiums, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To amend chapter 176 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to the charter of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation;

In relation to the metric system of weights and measures; and

To incorporate the Boston School Committee;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to qualifications of voters was read, and on motion of Mr. Washburn of Cambridge was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, the question being on its engrossment.

Bills:

To extend the time for the construction of a bridge over the east branch of Westport River;

To provide for the redemption of lands sold for non-payment of certain assessments;

To incorporate the Adams Nervine Asylum;

To provide for taking the certificate required in limited partnerships, where parties reside outside the Commonwealth (the title having been amended to read thus by the committee on Bills in Third Reading);

Making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes;

To authorize the city of Newton to widen, deepen and straighten the channel of Cheese Cake Brook, and to drain the lands adjacent thereto; and

To amend section 6 of chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1869, for the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals; and

Resolves:

In favor of Osborne E. Eaton;

In favor of Albert L. Coolidge;

In favor of Mary Fisher;

In favor of the Farr Alpaca Company of Holyoke; and

Relating to the official correspondence of the Executive Department during the war;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To amend section 21 of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, relating to county taxes; and

In relation to the surrender of securities deposited with the Treasurer by insurance companies;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 4.15, adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 16, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. Hale of Boston, at the request of the Speaker, took the chair.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, petition of E. L. Fickett and others for legislation giving further protection from the bite of dogs. Dogs.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petitions of the mayor and others of New Bedford, E. H. Lathrop and others, G. W. Hall and others, and John E. Sanford and others; and petitions of the selectmen and others of the towns of Middleborough, Mattapoisett, Wareham, Fairhaven and Marion,—severally for the passage of a game law. Game.

Severally referred to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Shortle of Provincetown, petition of John Blackmer and 247 others; by Mr. Sessions of Wilbraham, petition of E. A. Hubbard and 341 others; by Mr. Patch of Lynn, petitions of Carrie A. Warner and 125 others, and Charles A Gilman and 220 others; by Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, petition of Mrs. C. Hunt and 143 others, and by Mr. Sleeper of Malden, petition of Mrs. Geo. L. Rice and 580 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law. Liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Kimball of Revere, petition of W. P. Hall and 110 others; by Mr. Sleeper of Malden, petitions of H. C. Gray and 65 others, and Theodore Collamore and 100 others; and by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of C. W. Calkins and 33 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

By Mr. Wiswell of Boston, remonstrance of Charles B. Fox and 91 others against the abolition of the municipal court of the Dorchester District. Dorchester district court.

Highways.

By Mr. Huse of Newburyport, petition of the mayor and aldermen of Newburyport for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Framingham cavalry comp'y.

By Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, petition of E. P. Simpson and others of Framingham for leave to organize as a cavalry company in the militia; and petition of the selectmen and others of the same town in aid of the same.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

E. J. Martin.

By Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, petition of Elizabeth J. Martin for state aid.

T. Curtin.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, petition of Timothy Curtin for state aid.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Rumford Historical Association.

By Mr. Thompson of Woburn, petition of Charles Choate and others for incorporation as the Rumford Historical Association. Referred to the committee on Education.

Mass. Family Bank.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, petition of the Massachusetts Family Bank for amendment of charter. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Hopkinton water supply.

By Mr. Ellis of Ashland, petition of C. Meserve and others of Hopkinton for authority for said town to take a supply of water. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

North Adams.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petition of James Hunter and 255 others for suitable passenger and freight accommodations at North Adams. Referred to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Templeton,—

School committees.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of repealing chapter 157 of the Acts of 1873, relating to the compensation of members of school committees.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Assessors.

Ordered, That the committee on Towns consider the expediency of repealing chapter 156 of the Acts of 1873, relating to the compensation of assessors of taxes.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of some legislation in regard to the support of armories by the State. Armories.

On motion of Mr. Bridges of Deerfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to ascertain whether the sum appropriated for rent of armories and headquarters for the current year is sufficient for that purpose, and if not, what further sum is necessary therefor. Ibid.

On motion of Mr. Mackintosh of Needham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxation consider the expediency of so amending section 5 of chapter 11 of the General Statutes as to limit the amount of land or real estate held by literary, benevolent, charitable or scientific institutions which shall be exempt from taxation. Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire as to what legislation is necessary to compel corporations to make the returns required by the laws of the Commonwealth. Corporation returns.

On motion of Mr. Quirk of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of legislating in such manner as to protect persons purchasing by what is known as the "instalment plan," sewing-machines or household furniture. Instalment plan.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, a Bill to fix the salaries and regulate the employment of officers in the supreme judicial court and superior court for Suffolk County. Read and referred to the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System. Salaries of officers of courts.

By Mr. Newton of Holyoke, a Bill for the taxation of mortgages upon real estate. Read and referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Taxation of mortgages.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Harbors be instructed to consider the expediency of repealing Green Harbor Marsh.

section 4 of chapter 303 of the Acts of 1871, relative to the improvement of Green Harbor Marsh.

West Boston Savings Bank.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the West Boston Savings Bank for reimbursement of taxes, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Cambridge overseers of poor.

A Bill concerning the overseers of the poor of the city of Cambridge, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions were referred in concurrence as follows :—

C. H. Hartwell.

Of Charles H. Hartwell for state aid. To the committee on Claims.

Loan and building associations.

Of Thomas Swadkins, Jr., and 40 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. To the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Liquor law.

Of C. C. Sewall and 207 others, and of citizens of Holyoke, severally for a prohibitory liquor law. To the committee on the Liquor Law.

Reports of Committees.

J. L. Cole.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, from the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of J. L. Cole for damages caused by the construction and reconstruction of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and recommending its reference to the committee on Claims.

General corporation law.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of W. H. Earle and 210 others for an amendment to the general corporation acts, and recommending its reference to the committee on Insurance.

Severally read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence, the latter in the reference of the petition only.

Gas and gas-meters.

By Mr. Ellis of Springfield, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on the annual report of the State Inspector of Gas and Gas-meters. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Educational appropriation bill.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on the report of the State Board of Education, in part, a Bill making appropriations for certain educational

purposes. Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of J. P. Bacon and others for a law for the protection of funds in town treasuries, and recommending its reference to the committee on Towns; and

Of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of D. M. Prescott and others, that the seat as Representative from the 22d Middlesex District may be given to Thomas R. Garity, and on the remonstrance of George A. Cheney and others against the admission of E. J. Crossman as Representative from said district;

Were severally accepted, and the first-named petition sent up for concurrence in the reference.

The report of the committee on Finance on the Resolve providing for the printing and distribution of extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health, recommending the adoption of an order as a substitute, was accepted, and the order adopted, with amendments moved by Mr. Washburn of Worcester, designating the report therein referred to as the "Eighth Annual" report of the board. The order was sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. D. Nichols and others for amendment of the Act of 1876 relative to the fisheries in Taunton Great River, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the list of pardons for 1876, was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill respecting sales, gifts and contracts between husband and wife was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills:

Relating to the rights of married women in their wearing apparel and articles of personal ornament; and

Making appropriations for the education of the blind and of deaf-mutes, and for other educational purposes; and a

Resolve relating to the gold medal presented by the government of Hayti to the late Hon. Charles Sumner;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To amend chapter 176 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to the charter of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation; and

In relation to the metric system of weights and measures (amended on motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn);

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Senate Bill to incorporate the Boston School Committee was read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, the question being on its engrossment.

At 3.30, adjourned.

MONDAY, February 19, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

At the request of the Speaker, Mr. Washburn of Worcester took the chair.

Petitions Presented.

Ten-hour law.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, remonstrances of Samuel Cassidy and 101 others, Alice Worsley and 31 others, and M. E. Sullivan and 22 others; and by Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, remonstrances of John Walsh and 73 others, James Howarth and 97 others, J. F. Edgarton and 183 others, W. T. Hindle and 68 others, and Adams Hibbert and 47 others,—severally against the repeal of the ten-hour law.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Heustis of Boston, petition of J. R. Carmichael and others; by Mr. Noyes of Boston, petition of A. A. Yeomans and 109 others; and by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of Robert A. MacFarlane and others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, petition of Mrs. F. A. Smith and 267 others; by Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, petition of Charles Haddock and 300 others; by Mr. Patch of Lynn, petition of Ella A. Seagrave and 220 others; and by Mr. Smith of Gloucester, petition of A. T. Norwood and others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law. Liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, petition of the West's Beach Corporation for amendment of its Act of incorporation; petition of George T. Larcom and others in aid of the same; and remonstrance of Lawrence Watson and 32 others against the same. West's beach.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, petition of the Hingham Wharf and Land Company for amendment of their Act of incorporation; and petition of Henry W. Burditt and others in aid of the same. Hingham Wharf and Land Co.

By Mr. Reed of Dartmouth, petition of James M. Sowle for permission to extend his wharf in Westport Harbor. James M. Sowle.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

By Mr. Whitehouse of Boston, remonstrance of G. G. Belcher and others against the abolition of the municipal court of the East Boston District. East Boston district court.

By Mr. Reed of Dartmouth, petition of the selectmen and others of Westport; and by Mr. Stickney of Groveland, petition of the selectmen and others of Groveland,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Ellis of Ashland, petition of the commissioners of Prisons for annexation of a part of Sherborn to Framingham. Sherborn and Framingham.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of the town of Truro for an Act establishing the line between Truro and Provincetown. Truro and Provincetown.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Wilson of Taunton, petition of the mayor of Taunton for authority for the issue of additional water bonds. Taunton.

Wakefield and Stoneham.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, petition of Thomas Winship for amendment of the Act to supply the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with pure water.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Hathaway of Taunton, petition of the mayor of Taunton for authority to bridge Taunton Great River.

Falmouth.

By Mr. Bearse of Falmouth, petition of J. C. Robinson and 13 others for authority for the town of Falmouth to lay out a highway and construct bridges over certain waters.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

T. Connolly.

By Mr. Johnson of Holliston, petition of Timothy Connolly for state aid.

D. L. Withington.

By Mr. Huse of Newburyport, petition of David L. Withington for reimbursement of money expended by him on property belonging to the Commonwealth.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Stoughton St. Baptist Church.

By Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, petition of the Stoughton St. Baptist Church of Boston for leave to mortgage its property, and for confirmation of certain of its doings.

Plymouth Society.

By Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, petition of the Plymouth Society in Framingham for leave to hold real estate as a parsonage.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mortgaged property.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, petition of S. D. King and others for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Weweantit River.

By Mr. Barnes of Plymouth, petition of William Savery and others for legislation relative to the taking of alewives and shad in Weweantit River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

State aid.

By Mr. Russell of Lowell, petition of Charles A. Stott and others for amendment of the laws relative to state aid. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Hingham Cemetery.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, petition of the Proprietors of the Hingham Cemetery for amendment of charter. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Lancaster Railroad Company.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the Lancaster Railroad Company that certain of its doings may be con-

firmed, and certain statutes relating to it may be revived. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, petition of E. C. Willard and 54 others for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Tuttle of Milford, petition of P. P. Parkhurst and others for protection of the Old Village Burying-ground in Milford.

Milford burying-ground.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the mayor and others of Salem for authority for the establishment of a board of health to consist of other than members of the city council.

Salem board of health.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of the introduction into the high and grammar schools of the State, as books of reference, Bulfinch's Mythology.

Bulfinch's Mythology.

On motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee on the Liquor Law consider whether any legislation is expedient to authorize cities and towns to vote directly upon the question of license or prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors within their limits.

Local option.

On motion of Mr. Barton of Dalton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider what legislation, if any, is necessary to establish a fixed rate of interest.

Interest.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee on the Revision of the Judicial System consider whether the terms of the superior court for criminal business now required by law to be held in the counties of Berkshire, Hampshire and Norfolk, may be or should be abolished, and provision made for the transaction of the criminal business of said counties at the civil terms of said court held therein.

Berkshire, Hampshire, and Norfolk courts.

The following order, offered by Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, was adopted :—

20th joint rule.

Whereas, the Legislature will not be in session on the twenty-second day of February, which is the latest day allowed by the 20th joint rule for the introduction of business of a private nature, except for reference to next General Court:

Ordered, That rule 20 of the joint rules and orders be so far suspended as to allow the reference to appropriate committees on the 23d of February, of petitions, memorials, etc., presented in either house on that day.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Southborough,—

Fraud at elections.

Ordered, That the committee on Elections be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to prevent fraud at elections.

On motion of Mr. Hillis of Maynard,—

Liens.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of amending the law relating to liens on buildings and lands, by providing that the statement provided for in section 5 of chapter 150 of the General Statutes shall be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or district where the land lies.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Divorce.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the law that when a divorce from the bonds of matrimony shall be decreed, both parties shall be free to marry again unless the judge making the decree shall, for good cause, order otherwise.

Introduced on Leave.

Massachusetts Bay.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, a Bill for the protection of fisheries in Massachusetts Bay. Read, referred to the committee on the Fisheries, and sent up for concurrence.

Probate accounts.

By the same gentleman, a Bill to provide for a final settlement of probate accounts. Read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Executors, etc.

By Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence, a Bill relative to the powers of executors, guardians and administrators. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Religious instruction in prisons.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on so much of the report of the chaplain of the State Prison as relates to religious instruction in prisons; and the

Report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches in relation to the printing of certain extra copies of the report of the Chief Detective, recommending that fifteen hundred copies of said report be printed, twelve hundred for the use of the Chief; Chief Detective's report.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to confirm certain acts done by Charles C. Dillingham as coroner; and Bills.

A Bill relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions were referred in concurrence as follows:

Of the Metropolitan Railroad Company for leave to issue additional bonds. To the committee on Street Railways. Metropolitan Street Railway.

Of Abby F. T. Codman and 143 others for a prohibitory liquor law. To the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

Of J. M. Stockman and 28 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. To the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to protecting the public against the abandonment of railroad trains by engineers on their routes, and recommending its reference to the committee on Railroads. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Railroad strikes.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to facilitate proceedings against corporations for not making returns under chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870. Read and ordered to a second reading. Corporation returns.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on the annual report of the State Inspector of Gas and Gas-meters, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to with-

draw, on the petition of the trustees of the West Boston Savings Bank for reimbursement of taxes, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

Relating to the rights of married women in their wearing apparel and articles of personal ornament; and

Making appropriations for the education of the blind and of deaf-mutes, and for other educational purposes;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve relating to the gold medal presented by the government of Hayti to the late Hon. Charles Sumner was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 2.35, adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 20, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Expenses and receipts of commissions.

A statement was received from the Auditor, in response to an order of the House, of the expenses and receipts during the last five years of the Commissioners on Public Lands, on Harbors, and on the South Boston flats. On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole the statement was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Petitions Presented.

J. M. Hudson.

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of Jennie M. Hudson for state aid.

Greenfield.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petition of the town of Greenfield for reimbursement for armory rent.

W. Shanly.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petition of Shepherd Thayer and others, in aid of the petition of Walter Shanly, for reimbursement for losses on contract for construction of the Hoosac Tunnel.

M. R. Gabriel.

By Mr. Brown of Boston, petition of Martha R. Gabriel for state aid.

A. Farquharson.

By Mr. Train of Boston, petition of Alexander Farquharson for state aid.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of Lewis Gaul for reimbursement of money paid by company B, 2d battalion of infantry, for transportation. Co. B, 2d batt. infantry.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield for reimbursement for armory rent. Pittsfield.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Low of Chelsea, petition of B. F. Flanders and 17 others; by Mr. Barnes of Plymouth, petition of W. H. Whitman and 117 others; by Mr. Wilder of Lowell, petition of Dr. R. H. Allen and 153 others; by Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of George W. Cook and 27 others; and by Mr. Tompkins of Boston, petition of Frederic Hinckley and 24 others,—severally for woman suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, petition of the Massachusetts Woman's Christian Temperance Union for a prohibitory liquor law, and for a hearing on the same. Liquor law.

By Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, petition of W. H. Robinson and 64 others; and by Mr. Patch of Lynn, petition of Everett Boynton and 67 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law. Ibid.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, petition of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway for permission to use the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes. Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western R. R.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, petition of John W. Ayres, that the city of Boston may be allowed to aid in the construction of a railroad to the West *via* the Hoosac Tunnel. Boston and the Tunnel.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petition of Henry J. Davis for reimbursement for land taken in reconstructing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Troy and Greenfield R. R.

By the same gentleman, petition of Mary B. Coombs and James M. Munson for the same. Ibid.

Severally referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

By Mr. Madden of Boston, petition of James J. Flynn and others for the incorporation of the Montgomery Light Guard Association of Boston. Montgomery Light Guard.

By Mr. Clark of Winchendon, petitions of Gen. Josiah Pickett, Amasa Norcross and others, and E. W. Holden Co. H, 10th regiment.

and others,—severally for the reëstablishment of company H, 10th regiment, M. V. M.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Taxation. By Mr. Barnes of Plymouth, petition of C. W. Spooner and others; and by Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of Rufus Clapp and others,—severally for just and equal taxation.

Ibid. By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, petition of John D. Flagg and 85 others for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

State Primary School. By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of the Inspectors of the State Primary School at Monson for an appropriation for special and extraordinary expenses.

Deer Island convicts. By Mr. Kimball of Revere, remonstrance of George B. Emerson and others against the employment of persons confined at Deer Island on public works in Winthrop.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Westport River. By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of William P. Howland and others for the enactment of a law against seining in Westport River.

Watuppa Pond. By Mr. Gray of Fall River, petition of James F. Davenport and 72 others for an Act to prohibit seining in Watuppa Pond and its tributaries.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

B. & L. R. R. By Mr. Wilder of Lowell, petition of the mayor of Lowell for the repeal of legislation forbidding the use of steam as a motive power on certain branch tracks of the Boston and Lowell Railroad.

N. Y. & N. E. R. R. By Mr. Thomas of Brookline, petition of the town of Brookline for legislation compelling the New York and New England Railroad Company to provide an additional station in Brookline, and for other purposes; and petition of William I. Bowditch and others in aid of the same.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

Oyster Pond River. By Mr. Doane of Harwich, petition of J. S. Ryder and others for authority for the bridging of Oyster Pond River in Chatham.

Lee's and Cole's rivers. By Mr. Gray of Fall River, remonstrance of E. Z.

Slade and others against petition of E. M. Thurston and others relative to bridging Lee's and Cole's rivers.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, petitions of Adin Ballou and others and Wingate Thornton and others in aid of petition of Marshall P. Wilder and others for an index of the manuscript records of the State. Severally referred to the committee on Education. Manuscript records.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the mayor of Salem for authority for said city to lay a main water-supply pipe through the towns of Beverly, Danvers and Peabody. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Salem water.

By Mr. Randall of Waltham, petition of Alden Jameson and others for a law to prevent dogs riding in public conveyances. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Dogs.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of James Cooper and 32 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Huse of Newburyport, petition of the clerk of the police court of Newburyport for increase of his salary. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Clerk Newburyport police court.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, petition of a committee of the town of Marshfield for an investigation into the affairs of the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company. Laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Bryant. Duxbury and Cohasset R. R. Company.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, petition of the county commissioners of Berkshire County for authority to build a workshop in connection with the county jail. Berkshire county com'rs.

By Mr. Quirk of Boston, petition of W. S. & G. O. Wiley and others for a hearing on the subject of giving stable-keepers a lien on horses for board of the same. Stable-keepers.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, petition of the selectmen of Pittsfield for an extension of the time in which said town may adopt a city charter. Pittsfield city charter.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Holyoke,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking Savings banks.

consider the fifth clause of the ninth section of chapter 203 of the Acts of 1876, relative to loans by savings banks on personal securities, and report if any legislation is advisable thereon.

On motion of Mr. Thomas of Brookline,—

Savings banks.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking report what legislation, if any, may be necessary in respect to chapter 203 of the Acts of 1876, entitled "An Act in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings."

On motion of Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford,—

Railroad stock held by towns.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Railroads consider the expediency of repealing sections 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 of chapter 372 of the Acts of the year 1874; also chapter 175 of the Acts of the year 1876,—which authorize towns and cities to subscribe for and hold the stock and securities of railroad corporations.

On motion of Mr. Emery of Lawrence,—

Incompetent engineers.

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads inquire what legislation, if any, is needed to prevent railroad corporations within the Commonwealth from employing incompetent and inexperienced engineers and firemen in the running of passenger and other trains.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield,—

Studies in public schools.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider what change (if any) should be made in the statutes defining the different branches and studies now required to be taught in the public schools in this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Quincy,—

Street railway law.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Street Railways consider the expediency of so amending section 2 of chapter 29 of the Acts of 1874 as to reduce the amount of capital stock which must be subscribed in the articles of association of new street railway corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett of Peabody,—

Water supplies.

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage consider the expediency of passing a law giving the cities and towns taking water from the ponds of the State for domestic and other purposes the control of the borders of said ponds, so as to prevent the water from being polluted.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole,—

Board of State Charities.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable

Institutions consider the expediency of enlarging the powers of the Board of State Charities.

On motion of Mr. Newton of Holyoke,—

Ordered, That a joint special committee on State Salaries be appointed, consisting of eight members on the part of the House, together with such number as the Senate may join thereto, who shall ascertain what changes, if any, ought to be made in the salaries now paid by the State. Salaries.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Egleston of Westfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on County Estimates consider the expediency of abolishing the office of overseers of the House of Correction, and giving the powers exercised by them to the county commissioners, and of making a proper allowance to said commissioners for discharging the duties now discharged by said overseers. Overseers of houses of correction.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation concerning the fees of officers of the state detective force. State detectives fees.

On motion of Mr. Clapp of Easthampton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire if any legislation is necessary for the better protection of creditors when private assignments are made. Private assignments.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a Resolve granting quarters in Pemberton Square to the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau. Read, referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and sent up for concurrence. Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

By Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, a Bill relating to contracts with the officers of towns. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Contracts with town officers.

By Mr. Rand of Cambridge, a Bill to establish a metropolitan police. Read, and on motion of Mr. Rand, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Metropolitan police.

Papers from the Senate.

The petitions of Daniel Fitts and 164 others, and Wm. Bond & Son and 36 others, severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan Loan and building associations.

and building associations, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

State aid.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of amending the laws relative to the payment of state aid so that children having neither father nor mother shall be entitled to receive the same for the term of two years longer than now provided.

Returns of savings banks.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of allowing savings banks, in making their semi-annual returns to the treasurer of the Commonwealth of the average amount of deposits for the six months next preceding May and November, to deduct therefrom the amount invested in real estate and United States bonds.

State directors B. & A. R. R.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Wednesday, February 21, 1877, at 3 o'clock P. M., be the time for a convention of the two branches of the Legislature for the election, on the part of the Commonwealth, of two directors of the Boston & Albany Railroad Corporation.

Insolvent railroads.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads consider what legislation is needed, if any, for the protection of the public at the hands of insolvent railroad corporations, and report by bill or otherwise.

Purity of streams.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Edward H. Lathrop and others for legislation to preserve the purity of streams, and recommending its reference to the committee on the Fisheries, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

West Boylston.

Bass and Gurnet rocks.

A Resolve in favor of the town of West Boylston; and a Resolve in regard to Bass and Gurnet rocks off Plymouth and Duxbury bays;

Reported on orders, and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Punchard Free School.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Punchard Free School in the town of Andover, reported on a petition, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Poor debtors.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill to amend chapter 124 of the General Statutes, in relation to poor debtors.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To amend an Act in relation to text-books in the public schools;

To authorize the Potomska Mills Corporation to increase its capital stock and to issue special stock;

To establish the Board of Overseers of the Poor in the city of Chelsea;

To change the name of the Amesbury Savings Bank;

To confirm certain acts of the town of Methuen;

To amend an Act to incorporate the Boston & Worcester Railroad Mutual Benefit Association;

To preserve the eel fisheries in Musquashuit Creek and its tributaries in the towns of Scituate and Cohasset;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Cattle Fair Hotel in the town of Brighton (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve providing for the distribution of volume thirteen of the Special Laws of the Commonwealth (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Judges as mayors.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to the holding of the office of mayor by judges of district courts. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule.

Patrick O'Riordan.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Patrick O'Riordan of Boston.

Board of military officers.

By Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a portion of the Governor's address, a Resolve for printing advance sheets of the report of a Board of Military Officers.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Milford Ten Cent Savings Bank.

By Mr. Atherton of Boston, from the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of

J. I. C. Cook and others for the incorporation of the Ten Cent Savings Bank of Milford, and petitions in aid of the same.

F. P. Merriam.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Francis P. Merriam for reimbursement of money expended to secure his seat in the House.

J. McCormick.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Noah Gibson and others for state aid for James McCormick.

Judges as mayors.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to justices of courts holding office as mayors.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mass. Central Railroad.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Massachusetts Central Railroad.

Records of location of railroads.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, on an order, a Resolve concerning the records of the locations of railroads.

Edward G. Frothingham.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to confirm certain acts done by Edward G. Frothingham as a justice of the peace.

Qualifications of voters.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Bill (recommitted) in relation to qualifications of voters ought to pass in a new draft, with the same title.

Parade of military organizations.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to amend section 149 of chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to public parade of military organizations.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on so much of the report of the chaplain of the State Prison as relates to religious instruction in prisons, was recommitted to the committee on motion of Mr. Chase of Salem, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee of conference on the matter of difference between the two branches in relation to

printing extra copies of the Chief Detective's report, recommending that fifteen hundred copies be printed, twelve hundred for the use of the Chief, was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill to facilitate proceedings against corporations for not making returns under chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870, was read and ordered to a third reading.

At 2.40, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

A special report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, relative to the strike of the engineers on the Boston and Maine Railroad, was received, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. Boston & Maine Railroad.

The following gentlemen were appointed members on the part of the House of the joint special committee on State Salaries:— Salaries.

Messrs. Heywood of Worcester, Newton of Holyoke, Dewey of Great Barrington, Spaulding of Northampton, Turner of Boston, Ingalls of Adams, Bancroft of Boston, and Lovell of Weymouth.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, the codification of the statutes now in force relating to state aid, prepared by order of the House of 1876, was taken from the files and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. State aid.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petitions of William Minot and 19 others, George Higginson and 21 others, Joseph M. Wightman and 29 others, John C. Ropes and 40 others, George C. Lee and 10 others, and Daniel L. Harris and 23 others,—severally for amendment of the laws relative to valuation of property and assessment of taxes. Valuation and assessment.

By Mr. Bartlett of Peabody, petition of Isaac Munroe and 81 others; by Mr. Spaulding of Northampton, petition of A. Perry Peck and 250 others; by Mr. Bird of Natick, petition of H. O. Daniels and 80 others; by Mr. Taxation.

Clapp of Easthampton, petition of William Hill and 267 others; and by Mr. Stickney of Groveland, petition of C. H. Hopkinson and others,—severally for just and equal taxation.

Taxation.

By Mr. Canfield of Stockbridge, petition of G. N. Smith and others; and by Mr. Barton of Dalton, petition of David Smith and 91 others,—severally for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

E. E. Burritt.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petition of Edgar E. Burritt for state bounty.

Lee and New Haven R. R.

By Mr. Canfield of Stockbridge, petition of citizens of Southwick for reimbursement to the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland of money expended by them on the Lee and New Haven Railroad.

Ayer.

By Mr. Adams of Townsend, petition of the selectmen and others of Ayer for reimbursement for armory rent.

C. P. Brooks.

By Mr. Chapin of Boston, petition of Charles P. Brooks for compensation for work done on the state house.

John Sullivan.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of John Sullivan for state bounty.

Thos. Cahill.

By Mr. Jenkins of Boston, petition of Thomas Cahill for compensation for being unjustly imprisoned on a charge of murder.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

1st and 2d brigades.

By Mr. Bartlett of Boston, petition of Hobart Moore and Eben Sutton, commanding 1st and 2d Brigades, M. V. M., for an additional company of cavalry and one of artillery.

Amesbury and Salisbury Veteran Artillery Association.

By Mr. Merrill of Salisbury, petition of D. A. Titcomb and others, that the Amesbury and Salisbury Veteran Artillery Association may be authorized to parade in public with side-arms.

Co. H, 10th regt.

By Mr. Clark of Winchendon, petition of the selectmen and others of Westminster for the reëstablishment of Company H, 10th Regiment, M. V. M.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

East Boston district court.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, remonstrance of Albert Bowker and others against the abolition of the municipal court of the East Boston District.

By Mr. Wilde of Concord, petition of the road commissioners and others of Concord for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

By Mr. Bird of Natick, petition of A. O. Pearse and 191 others, that the town of Natick may be disannexed from the judicial district in which it is now included. Natick.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Tilton of Haverhill, petition of George E. Fairbanks and 56 others; by Mr. Daniels of Oxford, petition of H. C. P. Corser and 79 others; and by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of W. M. Merritt and 28 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

By Mr. Cole of Williamstown, petition of G. F. Mills and others; and by Mr. Barnes of Plymouth, petitions of S. H. Lanman and 265 others, and Mary J. Robbins and 181 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law. Liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, petition of the city of Newton for authority to extend a main drain to a point in the city of Boston. Newton.

By Mr. Bradford of Duxbury, petition of Edward Gray and others, that the town of Kingston may be authorized to take a supply of water. Kingston.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of the Fall River Railroad Company for leave to issue preferred stock. Fall River R. R. Co.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company for authority to mortgage its road. Framingham & Lowell R. R.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Anglers' Association for a change of name, etc. Mass. Anglers' Association.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, petition of Josephus Shaw for an Act regulating the fishery in the Monataquot River, in Braintree. Monataquot River.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Merrimack River.

By Mr. Taylor of Haverhill, petition of George Lovejoy and 12 others for a bridge across the Merrimack River from Bradford to Haverhill.

Turner's Falls Bridge.

By Mr. Whitmore of Montague, remonstrance of G. Edgerton and others against the petition of Nelson Burrows and others relative to a bridge at Turner's Falls.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Hingham.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of John D. Long for authority for the town of Hingham to bridge Broad Cove. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Troy & Greenfield R. R.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petition of Charles R. Lowell, Sarah C. Rice and John Russell for payment for lands taken in the re-location of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Dogs.

By Mr. Tappan of Manchester, petition of Oliver Burnham and 31 others for further protection against injury from the bite of dogs. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Old South.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of Charles W. Eliot for incorporation of the subscribers to the fund for preserving the Old South Meeting-House in Boston.

Boston—commissions.

By the same gentleman, petition of the mayor of Boston for authority for the city council to create boards of commissioners for the transaction of municipal business.

J. W. Stockwell.

By Mr. Babson of Boston, petition of James W. Stockwell for confirmation of his acts as a justice of the peace prior to his qualification.

Salem—charter.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, petition of the mayor of Salem for an amendment of the city charter.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hall of Boston,—

Boston Harbor.

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors consider and report what change, if any, is necessary in the law relating to the anchorage ground in Boston Harbor.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole,—

Tide-water displaced.

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors inquire into the expediency of repealing all laws which require the payment of compensation for tide-water displaced by the filling of flats of riparian owners.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Taunton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education be instructed to inquire whether any provision is desirable for the printing of any portion of the public records of the Commonwealth, and report thereon. Public records.

On motion of Mr. Clapp of Easthampton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education inquire if any change is desirable in the laws relating to the employment of children. Children.

On motion of Mr. Cook of Milford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire into the expediency of such legislation as may be necessary looking either to the abolishing of the Board of State Charities, or to the material curtailing of powers now delegated to it. Board of State Charities.

On motion of Mr. Lessey of Amherst,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider whether shareholders in railroad companies who have not paid in the full amount of their stock should be allowed to vote thereon, and if not, whether any change in existing laws is required. Railroad shares not fully paid in.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what change in the law may be necessary to enable the city council of the city of Boston to regulate the salaries of its officers. Boston—salaries.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what changes should be made in the laws governing the sinking fund of the city of Boston. Boston—sinking fund.

On motion of Mr. Baley of Amesbury,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending section 2 of chapter 274 of the Acts of 1874, relative to the gaining of settlements by women, by inserting the word "unmarried" before the word "woman" in the first line. Women's settlements.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending chapter 209 of the Acts of 1875, that a city or town which may hold its own bonds as a portion of a sinking fund for the reduction of Municipal indebtedness.

its debt may be authorized or required to cancel such bonds before their maturity.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport,—

Probate decrees.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider whether any legislation is expedient to enable judges of probate to enforce specific performance of their decrees.

Introduced on Leave.

Boards of health.

By Mr. Hastings of Worcester, a Bill relating to boards of health in the several cities of the Commonwealth.

Water supply.

By Mr. Bird of Natick, a Bill concerning the water supply of cities and towns.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Election districts.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, a Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution to permit the division of towns into election districts. Read and referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Medicine, etc.

By Mr. Clark of Winchendon, a Bill to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in Massachusetts. Read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Boston—parks.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, a Bill in addition to an Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston. Read and referred to the committee on Harbors.

Discharged female prisoners.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a Resolve for the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners. Read and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Shade-trees, etc.

By Mr. Egleston of Westfield, a Bill in addition to an Act entitled an Act to encourage the planting of shade-trees, laying out, ornamenting and maintaining parks, cemeteries and cemetery lots, and erecting and maintaining drinking-fountains. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Buckland.

By Mr. Winn of Buckland, a Resolve to furnish certain books, documents and standard weights, measures and balances to the town of Buckland. Read and referred to the committee on Finance.

Papers from the Senate.

Taxation.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill (on leave) concerning the duties of assessors in relation

to the taxation of personal property, and recommending its reference to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Bills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate,— Bills.

To amend the charter of the Lawrence Gas Company;

To incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston; and

To incorporate the South Bay Improvement Company, and to provide for the merging of the South Cove Corporation and the South Bay Company in said corporation;

Reported in each case on a petition, were read and ordered to a second reading.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the clerks of the supreme judicial and superior courts of each county be required, on or before the fifteenth day of March next, to make a return and statement in writing to the Secretary of the Commonwealth stating the total amount of their fees and receipts, official or otherwise, from all sources connected with their several offices; and also the amounts actually paid by them respectively to the county treasurers, and for assistants in their several offices for the years ending December 31, 1875, and December 31, 1876; and the said Secretary shall notify the said clerks forthwith of the passage of this order. Fees of clerks.

The petition of D. L. Withington for reimbursement of money expended by him on property belonging to the Commonwealth, referred in the House to the committee on Claims, came down referred in non-concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs, in which reference the House concurred. D. L. Withington.

Petitions were referred in concurrence, as follows:—

Of Mary Jane Puttillow for state aid. To the committee on Claims. M. J. Puttillow.

Of Adolph Merz for compensation for land taken by the Troy and Greenfield Railroad. To the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. A. Merz.

Of Lizzie Austin and 786 others for a prohibitory liquor law. To the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

Of L. Prang and 62 others in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations. To the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

Reports of Committees.

Fraud at elections.

By Mr. Pierce of Methuen, from the committee on Elections, asking to be discharged from further consideration of an order relative to preventing fraud at elections, and recommending its reference to the committee on the Judiciary. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule.

Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary.

By Mr. Train of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary. Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Injury to animals.

By Mr. Stickney of Groveland, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, that the Bill (on leave) to prevent injury to animals ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Friday, the question being on its rejection.

Probate appeals.

By Mr. Fairbank of Oakham, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to hearings of probate appeals in the supreme judicial court. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Cape Cod Harbor.

By Mr. Shortle of Provincetown, from the committee on Harbors, on the Harbor Commissioners' report, in part, a Bill to change certain harbor lines in Cape Cod Harbor, in Provincetown.

Herring River.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill to preserve the eel fisheries in Herring River and its tributaries, in the town of Wellfleet; and a

Wellfleet—alewive fishery.

Bill to amend chapter 56 of the Acts of the year 1836, relative to the alewive fishery in the town of Wellfleet.

East Abington Baptist Society.

By Mr. Daniels of Oxford, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the East Abington Baptist Society.

Stoughton St. Baptist Church.

By Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Boston to mortgage its property; and to confirm the doings of the North Baptist Society in Dorchester.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

Expenses and receipts of commissions.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, the statement of the expenses and receipts during the last five years of the

Commissioners on Public Lands, on Harbors, and on the South Boston Flats, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Finance.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, the Bill in relation to qualifications of voters was discharged from the orders of the day, and, on further motion of the same gentleman, was laid on the table. Qualifications of voters.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Francis P. Merriam for reimbursement of money expended in securing his seat in the House;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Noah Gibson and others for state aid for James McCormick;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. I. C. Cook and others for the incorporation of the Ten Cent Savings Bank of Milford, and petitions in aid of the same; and

Of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to justices of courts holding the office of mayor;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of Edward H. Lathrop and others for legislation to preserve the purity of streams, and recommending its reference to the committee on the Fisheries, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Massachusetts Central Railroad;

To confirm certain acts done by Edward G. Frothingham as a justice of the peace;

To amend section 149, chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to public parade of military organizations; and

To amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Punchard Free School in the town of Andover; and

Resolves:

Concerning the records of the locations of railroads;

In regard to Bass and Gurnet rocks off Plymouth and Duxbury bays; and

In favor of the town of West Boylston;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to facilitate proceedings against corporations for not making returns under chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870 was read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wilder of Lowell, was laid on the table, the question being on its engrossment.

Pursuant to assignment, the two branches met in—

Convention,

State directors B. & A. R. R.

For the purpose of choosing two directors, on the part of the Commonwealth, of the Boston & Albany Railroad Corporation, and Messrs. Haynes and Holmes of the Senate, and Messrs. Dean of Attleborough, Barnes of Plymouth, Wilde of Concord, Hayden of Weymouth, and Low of Chelsea, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes therefor; and the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that Francis B. Hayes of Boston, and D. N. Skillings of Winchester, were elected.

Thereupon the Senate withdrew, and the House at 4 P. M., adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 23, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Anderson School of Nat. History.

A report was received from the Attorney-General, in response to an order of the House, on the petition of the Anderson School of Natural History, for leave to reconvey their property, etc. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Petitions Presented.

Horace P. Wakefield.

By Mr. Sessions of Wilbraham, petition of Horace P. Wakefield for reimbursement of money expended for the State Primary School at Monson.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, petition of the Mayor of Boston for authority for the payment by the Commonwealth for the abatement of a nuisance in rear of the state prison. Boston—abatement of a nuisance.

By Mr. Hannum of Cambridge, petition of Wm. R. Fish for compensation for an educational map of Massachusetts, prepared for exhibition at Philadelphia. Wm. R. Fish.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for reimbursement for armory rent. Boston—armory rent.

By Mr. Lovell of Weymouth, petition of Ellen M. Buckley for state aid. E. M. Buckley.

By Mr. Washburn of Cambridge, petition of David Pulsifer for compensation for services in copying state documents. D. Pulsifer.

By Mr. Winn of Buckland, petition of the selectmen of Shelburne for reimbursement for armory rent. Shelburne.

By Mr. Winslow of Middleborough, petition of the selectmen of Middleborough for reimbursement for armory rent. Middleborough.

By Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, petition of C. C. Esty for payment for insurance on superintendent's house in the State Arsenal Grounds at Framingham. C. C. Esty.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Newton of Bolton, petitions of S. A. Burns and 57 others, Thomas A. Wheeler and 133 others, and B. P. Southwick and others, for a prohibitory liquor law. Liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Thompson of Woburn, petition of John L. Barker and others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Ayer of Lawrence, remonstrance of J. Q. A. Burridge and 78 others against the repeal of the ten-hour law. Ten-hour law.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and Decennial Census.

By Mr. Lovell of Weymouth, petition of Elias Richards and 46 others; and by Mr. Noyes of Boston, petition of Sarah G. King and 61 others,—severally for woman suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of W. P. S. Cadwell and 35 others; and by Mr. Bird of Walpole, petition of E. C. Craig and others,—severally for just and equal taxation. Taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Gloucester police court.

By Mr. Smith of Gloucester, petition of James Davis for a law to provide for a clerk for the police court of Gloucester.

Second District Court of Essex.

By Mr. Patch of Lynn, petition of Thomas B. Newhall and others for the establishment of the Second District Court of Essex.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Liberty Hall Association.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of Israel F. Parsons and others for the incorporation of the Liberty Hall Association of New Bedford.

The Spartans.

By Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, petition of J. W. Hodgdon for the incorporation of a society to be known as "The Spartans."

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Blackstone Savings Bank.

By Mr. Thayer of Blackstone, petition of Daniel Simmons and others for leave to locate the Blackstone Savings Bank in the town of Milford. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Central Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

By Mr. Hastings of Worcester, petition of the Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company for extension of time for closing up its affairs. Referred to the committee on Insurance.

E. Bridgewater.

By Mr. Lowe of Bridgewater, petition of W. H. Osborne and others for authority for the town of East Bridgewater to pay certain bounties. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Westborough.

By Mr. Newton of Southborough, petition of J. A. Fayerweather and others, that the town of Westborough may be authorized to refund certain moneys contributed for a centennial celebration. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Fall River.

By Mr. Gray of Fall River, petition of the mayor of Fall River for leave to extend a street through a private burial-ground. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Sanderson Academy.

By Mr. Winn of Buckland, petition of the town of Ashfield for a transfer of the charter of the Sanderson Academy and School Fund. Referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petition of the mayor of New Bedford for additional legislation relative to the water supply of said city from Acushnet River. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. New Bedford.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, petition of Willard Dalrymple and others for a change in the harbor lines on Charles River. Referred to the committee on Harbors. Charles River.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petition of C. H. Ingalls and others for a union passenger depot in Greenfield. Referred to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Greenfield union depot.

On motion of Mr. Bickford of Boston, the petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the division of Ward 22 in said city was taken from the files and referred to the committee on Towns. Boston—Ward 22.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, petition of F. P. Goulding relative to the extension of a certain street in the city of Worcester. Worcester.

By Mr. Richards of Lynn, petition of the mayor of Lynn for amendment of the city charter. Lynn.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, petition of William Dickinson and another for an investigation of the doings of the clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester. Clerk Central District Court, Worcester.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Cunningham of Somerville, petition of D. H. Merriam and others for compensation to Wm. O. Brown and Benj. D. Dwinnell for services and losses connected with the burning of the Worcester County Jail. Referred to the committee on County Estimates. W. O. Brown. B. D. Dwinnell.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Turner of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of amending section 87 of chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874 in relation to bridges. Railroad bridges.

On motion of Mr. Barton of Dalton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider what legislation, if any, is necessary relative to crossings at grade of highways, town ways and private ways by railroad companies in this Commonwealth, and determine by what process and at whose expense the dangers in- Grade crossings.

curred and the nuisances created by railroad companies shall be remedied and abated.

On motion of Mr. Hastings of Worcester,—

Taxation of savings banks deposits.

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxation inquire into the expediency of amending section 12 of chapter 224 of the Acts of 1862, so as to provide that all depositors in savings banks, other than religious or charitable corporations, whose aggregate deposit on the first day of May in any year exceeds one thousand dollars, shall be assessed by local assessors of taxes for the amount of such excess.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Templeton,—

Taxes.

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxation consider whether any legislation is necessary to ensure the more convenient and efficient collection of taxes on mortgaged property, or to make taxes when assessed on personal property a lien on the same.

On motion of Mr. Randall of Waltham,—

License law enforcement.

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law inquire what amendments are necessary to enable the better enforcement of the laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors.

On motion of Mr. Cogswell of Ipswich,—

Danvers Hospital.

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage consider whether any legislation is necessary concerning the drainage of the hospital for the insane at Danvers.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Haverhill police court.

Ordered, That the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System consider the expediency of changing the time of holding the civil terms of the Haverhill police court.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence,—

Fire-escapes.

Ordered, That the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census inquire into the expediency of enacting a law compelling cities and towns in this Commonwealth owning public buildings to have sufficient means of escape provided for in the same in case of fire; and also consider the expediency of enacting a law enabling cities and towns to make such by-laws as may be necessary to compel all corporations, owners of public buildings and manufactories located within their limits to have sufficient means of escape provided for in the same in case of fire.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Randall of Waltham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation is required to compel the selectmen of towns to keep a register of the names of voters, adding annually thereto the names put upon the voting lists, and noting thereon such names as should be dropped from said lists. Registry of voters.

On motion of Mr. Ingalls of Adams,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing chapter 114 of the Acts of 1876, relating to the assessment of taxes in fire districts. Fire districts.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether the Commonwealth has the right to sell its flats outside of riparian lines for purposes of public improvement, provided such improvement and sale shall not be injurious to the interests of commerce; and whether any legislation is necessary to secure the payment into the treasury of the full value of flats sold or allowed to be filled. Flats.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of selling the securities, whether bonds, notes or stock, of the New York and New England Railroad Company held by the Commonwealth. N. Y. & N. E. R. R.

On motion of Mr. Lovell of Weymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of providing that the terms of probate court now required to be held in Hyde Park, in Norfolk County, shall hereafter be held at Quincy in said county. Norfolk County probate court.

The following order, offered by Mr. Tappan of Manchester, was laid over on request of Mr. Osgood of Salem: Free passes.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of legislation prohibiting committees and members of the Legislature and officers and employés of this Commonwealth from receiving or accepting free passes, directly or indirectly, over any railroad chartered by or organized under the authority of this Commonwealth.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bird of Walpole, was laid over on request of Mr. Hale of Boston:

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations Electoral commission.

inquire and report whether any action is expedient in regard to the refusal of the Electoral Commission to receive evidence relating to the constitutionality, legality or honesty of the electoral votes of Florida and Louisiana.

Introduced on Leave.

First clerk Ins. Department.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, a Bill to establish the salary of the first clerk in the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth. Read, and on motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table.

First Dist. Ct., Bristol.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, a Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the First District Court of Bristol in Attleborough. Read, referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Limited partnerships.

The Bill to provide for taking the certificate required in limited partnerships when partners reside outside the Commonwealth, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Tramps.

A report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asking to be discharged from consideration of an order and a petition relative to tramps, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

West Springfield dikes.

A Bill in relation to the rebuilding, repairing and maintaining of dikes in the town of West Springfield, and works connected therewith, reported on petitions, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Marlborough.

The Resolve authorizing the selectmen of the town of Marlborough to remove certain remains of the dead came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence with amendments, which were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Manufacturing corporations.

A Bill in addition to an Act concerning manufacturing and other corporations, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Manufactures.

Manager Hoosac Tunnel.

The annual report of the Manager of the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Petitions were referred in concurrence as follows:

Of H. H. Faxon and 452 others, and Mrs. Henry McCoy and 462 others, for a prohibitory liquor law. To the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

Of Robert A. Pierce and 92 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations; and remonstrance of William J. McLaughlin and 398 others against the repeal of the ten-hour law. Loan and building associations. Ten-hour law.

Severally to the committee on Labor and Decennial Census.

Of E. J. Trull and others for enactment of laws concerning rifle practice. To the committee on Military Affairs. Rifle practice.

Of N. H. Whiting and others relative to Green Harbor dike. To the committee on Harbors. Green Harbor.

Of J. M. Lewis, for the protection of shell-fisheries between Quisette Harbor and Buzzard's Bay in Falmouth. To the committee on the Fisheries. Shell-fisheries.

Of Sarah J. Crossman, administratrix, for compensation for damages sustained by her husband while a state constable. To the committee on Claims. S. J. Crossman.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

Relating to the appointment of trustees under wills;

To provide for the revocation of licenses of insurance brokers;

To fix the salary of the second clerk in the department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To amend section 21 of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, relative to county taxes; and

In relation to the surrender of securities deposited with the Treasurer by insurance companies;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve relating to the gold medal presented by the government of Hayti to the late Hon. Charles Sumner (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Reports of Committees.

Conditional sales.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to recording contracts of conditional sale and delivery of personal property.

Bounties to agricultural societies.

By Mr. Kimball of Enfield, from the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the discontinuance of gratuities to agricultural societies; the report containing certain information relative to the subject.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, that the Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ought to pass.

State Almshouse.

By Mr. Davis of Templeton, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, that the Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ought to pass.

Severally referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Boston School Committee.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill to incorporate the Boston School Committee ought to pass.

Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on its engrossment.

Game.

By Mr. Kimball of Enfield, from the committee on Agriculture, on an order and petitions, a Bill for the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

Boston & Maine Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the special report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners relative to the strike of the engineers on the Boston and Maine Railroad was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to hearings of probate appeals in the Supreme Judicial Court, was accepted.

The Bill to prevent injury to animals was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Bills:

To change certain harbor lines in Cape Cod Harbor in Provincetown;

To preserve the eel fisheries in Herring River and its tributaries in the town of Wellfleet;

To amend chapter 56 of the Acts of the year 1836, relative to the alewive fishery in the town of Wellfleet;

To change the name of the East Abington Baptist Society;

To amend the charter of the Lawrence Gas Company; and

To incorporate the South Bay Improvement Company, and to provide for the merging of the South Cove Corporation and the South Bay Company in said corporation;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To confirm certain acts done by Edward G. Frothingham as a justice of the peace;

To amend section 149 of chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to public parade of military organizations (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading by substituting for all after "1874" the words, "so that the New England Guard of the city of Boston may parade in public with arms"); and

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Massachusetts Central Railroad; and a

Resolve concerning the records of the locations of railroads;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Punchard Free School in the town of Andover;" and Resolves

In regard to Bass and Gurnet rocks off Plymouth and Duxbury bays; and

In favor of the town of West Boylston;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Boston to mortgage its property, and to confirm the doings of the North Baptist Society in Dorchester, was read a second time and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham.

The Bill to incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, was recommitted to the committee on Insurance, with instructions to report a bill with provision for a guarantee capital of $100,000.

At 4.15, adjourned.

MONDAY, February 26, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Liquor law. By Mr. Newton of Bolton, petition of J. D. Robinson and others; by Mr. Sleeper of Malden, petition of Annie A. Hall and others; by Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of Mrs. S. E. Vinal and 43 others; and by Mr. Bartlett of Peabody, petition of Rev. Daniel Wait and 270 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Loan and building associations. By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of L. H. Arey and 15 others, and G. E. Plummer and 29 others; and by Mr. Low of Chelsea, petition of J. A. M. Perkins and 34 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Bureau of Statistics. By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, petitions of H. T. White and others, and W. G. H. Smart and others, severally for extension of the powers of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Ten-hour law. By Mr. Emery of Lawrence, remonstrance of Rose Curtis and 1,078 others against the repeal of the ten-hour law.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and Decennial Census.

Taxation. By Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, petition of John B. Hall and 25 others for just and equal taxation.

Ibid. By Mr. Kimball of Enfield, petition of D. O. Fish and others for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, petitions of the mayor and aldermen of New Bedford, and John Wing and others, severally for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Highway damages.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Kimball of Enfield, petition of W. H. H. Markham and 16 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Rand of Cambridge, petition of the mayor of Cambridge for reimbursement of armory rent. Referred to the committee on Claims. Cambridge.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law be instructed to obtain from the State Assayer a record of the analyses made by him during the year 1876, of samples of liquor, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875, and report the same; said record to contain the names and business location of the dealers from whom the samples were taken, and the results of the analysis in each case. Analysis of liquors.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Ordered, That three members of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be added to the joint special committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Committee on Taxation.

Messrs. Perry of Medford, Cobb of Dedham, and Thayer of Boston were appointed on the part of the House.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider whether any legislation is necessary to enable judges of the probate court to accept and approve a new bond when the sureties or the penal sum of the original bond are insufficient; and also as to the notice to be given when a surety petitions to be discharged from further responsibility on a probate bond. Probate sureties.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Opinion of supreme court on qualifications of representatives.

Ordered, That the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court be required upon the following questions of law, viz.:—

1. What is the meaning of the word "inhabitant" as used in Article 21 of the amendments to the Constitution of Massachusetts, in the provisions relating to the qualifications of representatives. 2. Is a person otherwise qualified, eligible as a member of this House, who, having been an alien, has been naturalized within one year next preceding his election. 3. Must an alien be naturalized before he can become eligible as a member of this House.

Free passes.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Tappan of Manchester, and laid over, relative to the use of free passes over railroads by members of the Legislature, was rejected by a vote of 25 to 145.

Electoral commission.

The order offered by Mr. Bird of Walpole, also laid over, relative to the action of the Electoral Commission, was rejected by a vote of 41 yeas to 159 nays; the yeas and nays having been ordered, on request of Mr. Bird. The vote was as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Babson, Thomas M.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brown, J. Henry.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cone, George N.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Fox, James W.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Messrs. Lonergan, Thomas.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Roads, Samuel.
Sanborn, John C.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Wilde, William W.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Flagg, George A.

Messrs. Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Goulding, Frank P.
Gray, Franklin.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Howard, William C.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Low, Francis.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Martin, Isaac B.
Melcher, George B.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Enoch R.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Patch, Edwin.

Messrs. Penney, Alonzo.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, Baxter E.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Read, William A.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Spaulding, Mark H.

Messrs. Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Train, William G.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George A.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.

Yeas, 41; nays, 159.

Papers from the Senate.

Election sermon.

A report of the committee on Printing, that an order relative to printing extra copies of the election sermon ought not to be adopted, amended by the Senate by substituting the order so amended as to provide for printing 700 copies, came down; and the House concurred in the action of the Senate.

Muster.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, no legislation necessary, on an order relative to amendment of the militia law with reference to preparation of campground, etc., on the day preceding the annual muster, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The House order relative to printing certain of the public records of the Commonwealth came down adopted in concurrence with an amendment, inserting after the word "records" the words, "or documents in the archives." The House concurred in the amendment. Public records.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Just and Equal Taxation consider the expediency of providing by law for the taxation to a greater or less proportion of their value of church edifices and other property held for religious purposes. Taxation.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of reporting a bill authorizing the brigadier-generals to appoint the following special-service men; viz., one hospital steward, one quartermaster sergeant, one provost sergeant, one color sergeant, one bugler sergeant, and four sergeant orderlies. Special-service men.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons consider whether any further legislation is necessary for the removal of insane persons from the state prison or county prisons to insane asylums. Insane prisoners.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs. Militia law.

A Bill to incorporate the Friars Minor of the Order of Saint Francis, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Order of St. Francis.

Petitions were referred in concurrence as follows:

Of Edward Huston for compensation for unjust imprisonment. To the committee on Claims. E. Huston.

Of the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield for an amendment of its charter. To the committee on Banks and Banking. Chapin Banking and Trust Co.

Remonstrance of George B. Neal and 86 others against the abolition of the municipal court of the Charlestown District. To the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Charlestown district court.

Petitions of F. L. Woodward and 41 others and C. E. Prescott and 64 others, severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations; and Loan and building associations.

Ten-hour law.

Remonstrance of Charles C. Newhall and 126 others against the repeal of the ten-hour law.

Severally to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Reports of Committees.

J. W. Stockwell.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to confirm certain acts done by James W. Stockwell as a justice of the peace.

Contracts with town officers.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill (on leave) relating to contracts with the officers of towns, and recommending its reference to the committee on Towns. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and the bill sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Marlborough burial-ground.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, that the House ought to concur in the Senate amendments to the Resolve authorizing the selectmen of the town of Marlborough to remove certain remains of the dead. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cambridge—overseers of the poor.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill concerning the overseers of the poor of the city of Cambridge ought to pass; and

C. C. Dillingham.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to confirm certain acts done by Charles C. Dillingham as coroner ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Tar-waste.

By Mr. Sleeper of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Henry B. Cloutman and others for legislation to prevent manufacturers of gas from turning their tar-waste into the ocean. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

Watertown turnpike.

On motion of Mr. Flagg of Millbury, the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Watertown for reimbursement for damages in laying out the Watertown turnpike, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Corporation returns.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the Bill to facilitate proceedings against corporations for not making returns under chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870 was taken from

the table and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow, the question being on its engrossment.

On motion of the same gentleman, the report of the Attorney-General on the petition of the Anderson School of Natural History for leave to reconvey their property, etc., was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Anderson School of Natural History.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to recording contracts of conditional sale and delivery of personal property, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the discontinuance of gratuities to agricultural societies, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the rebuilding, repairing and maintaining of dikes in the town of West Springfield, and works connected therewith, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to incorporate the Boston School Committee was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills:

To change certain harbor lines in Cape Cod Harbor in Provincetown;

To preserve the eel fisheries in Herring River and its tributaries in the town of Wellfleet; and

To change the name of the East Abington Baptist Society;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To amend the charter of the Lawrence Gas Company; and

To incorporate the South Bay Improvement Company, and to provide for the merging of the South Cove Corporation and the South Bay Company in said corporation;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 56 of the Acts of the year 1836, relative to the alewive fishery in the town of Wellfleet, was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Swett

of Wellfleet, was recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries, the question being on its engrossment.

The Bill for the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game was read, amended on motion of Mr. Bates of Cohasset, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton; the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

At 3.20, adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 27, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. Gleason.

Mr. Gleason of Billerica, a member-elect, being present and ready to be qualified, a committee, consisting of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, was appointed, who conducted him to the Council Chamber; and Mr. Gleason having been duly qualified, report was made accordingly.

Danvers Hospital.

Mr. Walden of Lynn presented the report of the Commissioners upon the erection of a new hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Taxation.

By Mr. Lessey of Amherst, petition of A. P. Merrick and others for just and equal taxation.

Ibid.

By Mr. Cone of Chester, petition of Timothy Keefe and others, and A. A. Knox and others; and by Mr. Lessey of Amherst, petitions of E. P. Pomeroy and others, and Dwight R. Thayer and others,—severally for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Liquor law.

By Mr. Bartlett of Sterling, petition of Mrs. H. E. Buss and 72 others; by Mr. Shaw of Braintree, petition of Elias Hayward and 363 others; by Mr. Patch of Lynn, petition of Mrs. L. P. Ward and 217 others; and by Mr.

Sheldon of Wilmington, petition of Mrs. E. A. Barrows and 330 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, remonstrance of E. A. Samuels and others against the passage of the proposed game law. Game.

By Mr. Pierce of West Boylston, remonstrance of T. M. Hosmer and others against any increase of the tax for licenses of dogs. Dogs.

Severally referred to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Kinsman of Winchester, petition of R. W. Roberts and 17 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Shortle of Provincetown, petition of A. T. Williams and others for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Highway damages.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, petition of Henry Siders and others in aid of the petition of Edwin Adams. Referred to the committee on the Petition of Edwin Adams. Edwin Adams.

By Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, petition of W. B. Earle for legislation looking to amendments of the Constitution of the United States. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations. W. B. Earle.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of legislation to prevent dogs and other animals from appearing on the public highways, except when in charge of competent persons. Dogs.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Towns consider what legislation, if any, is necessary for a more efficient and accurate registration of voters in cities and towns, and to fix and determine the manner and time when such registrations shall be completed. Registration of voters.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider Records of marriages.

the expediency of amending section 16 of chapter 106 of the General Statutes, so as to provide that the person solemnizing a marriage shall return a copy of the record of such marriage to the clerk or registrar of each city or town in which either or both parties reside.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford,—

Committee on Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law on Tuesday A. M., March 6, for a public hearing of representatives of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Introduced on Leave.

Election of municipal officers.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, a Bill relating to the election of certain municipal officers. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

State directors.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerk of the Senate be authorized to inform Francis B. Hayes and D. N. Skillings that they have been duly elected directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation for the term of two years; also that he inform the clerk of said corporation of the election of the above-named gentlemen.

Fees of registers of deeds.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the register of deeds of each county be required, on or before the twentieth day of March next, to make a return and statement in writing to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, stating the total amounts of the fees and receipts, official or otherwise, from all sources connected with their several offices; and also the amount paid by them respectively for assistants in their several offices for the years ending December 31, 1875, and December 31, 1876; and said Secretary shall notify said registers forthwith of the adoption of this order.

Troy & Greenfield Railroad Co.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of causing to be printed the opinions of Hon. Dwight Foster and Ex-Governor Emory Washburn in regard to the right of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company to redeem the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Insurance Co.

A Bill to amend the charter of the Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company of New Eng-

land, reported on a petition (recommitted), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

A Bill to amend chapter 144 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association.

The House Bill enabling towns to take lands for burial-grounds came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, which were referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary. Burial-grounds.

The Bill to incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston, recommitted in the House to the committee on Insurance, with instructions, came down recommitted in concurrence, with the instructions stricken out. The House concurred in striking out the instructions. Mutual Boiler Insurance Co.

Petitions were referred in concurrence as follows:

Of Frederick Lewis and 114 others for a prohibitory liquor law. To the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

Of Welch, Bigelow & Co. and 45 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations; and Loan and building associations.

Remonstrances of William Hannapin and 61 others, and Thomas Hodgson and 3,524 others, against the repeal of the ten-hour law. Ten-hour law.

Severally to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

In further addition to an Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year;

Making appropriations for the expenses of the State Almshouse, the State Primary School at Monson, the State Prison, the Reform School at Westborough, the Industrial School at Lancaster, the Bridgewater Workhouse, the State Detective Force, and for other purposes;

To amend chapter 170 of the Acts of the year 1874, relative to the charter of the Jamaica Pond Aqueduct Corporation; and

To provide for taking the certificate required in limited partnerships when partners reside outside the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Osborne E. Eaton;

In favor of Mary Fisher;

In favor of the Farr Alpaca Company of Holyoke; and

Relating to the official correspondence of the Executive Department during the war;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Anderson School of Natural History.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History to reconvey their property, and to dissolve said corporation.

Contracts with employés.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relating to special contracts between persons and corporations and their servants, employés and workmen.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taxes of fire districts.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to assessment of taxes in fire districts, and recommending its reference to the committee on Towns. Read and accepted, under suspension of the rule, and the order sent up for concurrence.

Ten-hour law.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census, to whom were referred the Bill (on leave) to repeal chapter 221 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the regulation of hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, and sundry remonstrances against the repeal of the ten-hour law, that the bill ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Groton.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the overseers of the poor of the town of Groton for legislation relative to the settlement of persons entitled to relief, by having served in the military quota of said town.

Provincetown.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Provincetown for authority to issue certain bonds.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to giving stable-keepers a lien upon horses and other animals for their charge for keeping the same. Stable-keepers' liens.

By Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the jurisdiction of probate courts in matters arising under wills. Wills.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order amending chapter 40 of the General Statutes, in reference to keeping school registers and returns. School registers.

By Mr. Wilson of Taunton, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 2 of chapter 262 of the Acts of 1873, in relation to truant officers. Truant officers.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Motion to Reconsider.

A motion of Mr. Tappan of Manchester to reconsider the vote by which the order relative to passes over railroads was yesterday rejected was lost. Free passes.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Egleston of Westfield, the Bill for the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Agriculture; the question being on ordering it to a third reading. Game.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Watertown for reimbursement for damages in laying out the Watertown turnpike was accepted and sent up for concurrence, a motion by Mr. Flagg of Millbury to amend by substituting the resolve recommended by a minority of the committee being lost. Subsequently Mr. Whitney of Belmont moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report was accepted, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Henry B. Cloutman and others

for legislation to prevent manufacturers of gas from turning their tar-waste into the ocean, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, no legislation necessary, on an order relative to amendment of the militia law with reference to preparation of campground, etc., on the day preceding the annual muster, was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill to facilitate proceedings against corporations for not making returns under chapter 224 of the Acts of 1870 was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To confirm certain acts done by James W. Stockwell as a justice of the peace;

To confirm certain acts done by Charles C. Dillingham as coroner; and

Concerning the overseers of the poor of the city of Cambridge;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to the rebuilding, repairing and maintaining of dikes in the town of West Springfield, and works connected therewith, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the Resolve authorizing the selectmen of the town of Marlborough to remove certain remains of the dead, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

At 5.15, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 28, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Hartshorn of Malden, petition of Harriet H. Robinson and others for woman suffrage.

Ibid.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, remonstrance of Mrs. E. A. Lane and others against woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Kimball of Enfield, petitions of W. H. Earle and others, L. F. Doane and others, and C. F. Allen and others, severally for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purposes of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged. Taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, petition of Mrs. M. L. Eastman and 126 others for a prohibitory liquor law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, petition of William Murdock and 72 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of J. H. Bourne and others in aid of petition relative to the fisheries in North River, Plymouth County. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. North River.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Wright of Holyoke,—

Ordered, That the committee on Revision of the Judicial System inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 122 of the General Statutes, so that police courts may have jurisdiction of applications for naturalization, especially as to primary declaration. Naturalization.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Lovell of Weymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of providing that the mother shall have authority to appoint, by will, guardians of her minor children when the father has died without making such appointment. Guardians.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston,—

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage, on Friday A. M., March 9, for a public hearing. Woman suffrage.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Stickney of Groveland, a Bill concerning vagrants. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Vagrants.

Papers from the Senate.

Edwin Adams.

Ordered, In concurrence, that in the matter of the investigation into the expenditures incurred in the erection of the insane hospital at Danvers, heretofore ordered, and now pending before the committee on the Petition of Edwin Adams, the Attorney-General be requested to act on behalf of the Commonwealth.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was laid over on request of Mr. Cunningham of Somerville:—

Overseers of houses of correction.

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of overseers of houses of correction.

West Roxbury district court.

The remonstrance of L. L. Willcutt and others against the abolition of the municipal court of the West Roxbury District was referred in concurrence to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Loan and building associations.

The petition of S. T. Houghton and 46 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Reports of Committees.

Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Resolve (on leave) granting quarters in Pemberton Square to the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau, and recommending its reference to the committee on the State House. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and the resolve sent up for concurrence.

N. T. Sheehan.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Napoleon T. Sheehan for state aid. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

M. J. Crosby.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Maria J. Crosby.

Discharged female prisoners.

By Mr. Prescott of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, that the Resolve (on leave) for the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners ought to pass.

Severally referred under the rule to the committee on Finance, the former being read.

By Mr. Wells of Boston, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill concerning the taking of eels in certain waters in the town of Mattapoisett. Mattapoisett eel fisheries.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, from the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time for settling and closing up the business affairs of the Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Worcester. Central Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Rand of Cambridge, the Bill (on leave) to establish a metropolitan police was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Metropolitan police.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the Bill (on leave) to establish the salary of the first clerk in the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Finance. First clerk Ins. Department.

Orders of the Day.

The motion of Mr. Whitney of Belmont to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Watertown for reimbursement for damages in laying out the Watertown turnpike, was lost by a vote of 61 to 124. Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the overseers of the poor of the town of Groton for legislation relative to the settlement of persons entitled to relief, by having served in the military quota of said town;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Provincetown for authority to issue certain bonds; and

Of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the jurisdiction of probate courts in matters arising under wills;

Were severally accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 40 of the General Statutes, in reference to keeping school registers and returns; and

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 2 of chapter 262 of the Acts of 1873, in relation to truant officers;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to giving stablekeepers a lien upon horses and other animals for their charge for keeping the same was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston.

The Bill to repeal chapter 221 of the Acts of the year 1874, in relation to the regulation of the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Bills:

To authorize the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History to reconvey their property, and to dissolve said corporation;

Relating to special contracts between persons and corporations and their servants, employés and workmen; and

To amend the charter of the Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Co. of New England;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To confirm certain acts done by Charles C. Dillingham as coroner; and

Concerning the overseers of the poor of the city of Cambridge;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to confirm certain acts done by James W. Stockwell as a justice of the peace was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.20, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 1, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of Sarah D. Knowles and others; by Mr. Tuttle of Milford, petition of Thomas B. Taylor and 75 others; by Mr. Adams of Townsend, petition of Paul Gates and 54 others; and by Mr. Pierce of West Boylston, petition of C. A. Wheeler and 19 others,—severally for woman suffrage. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, petition of Everett Wilder and others for just and equal taxation. Taxation.

By Mr. Farnum of Cheshire, petition of Dennis Haskins and others for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged. Ibid.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, remonstrance of members of the Berkshire bar against uniting the civil and criminal terms of the superior court in Berkshire County. Berkshire courts.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of D. H. Storer and 15 others for the removal of A. W. K. Newton from the office of coroner. A. W. K. Newton.

Severally referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Bradford of Duxbury, petition of Edward Baker and others in aid of the petition of Edwin Adams. Referred to the committee on Petition of Edwin Adams. Edwin Adams.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, petition of Ezra Farnsworth and others for legislation to prevent imposition by agents of charitable institutions. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Agents of charitable institutions.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Cunningham of Somerville, petition of the county commissioners of Middlesex County for authority to borrow $40,000. Referred to the committee on County Estimates. Middlesex County commissioners.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee, to whom was referred the Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution to render the president, professors and instructors of Harvard College eligible to seats in the Harvard College.

Senate and House of Representatives, consider what action is necessary for submitting said article of amendment to the people for ratification and adoption.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

A. W. K. Newton.

Ordered, That the committee on Revision of the Judicial System consider the expediency of an address to the Governor for the removal of A. W. K. Newton from the office of coroner.

On motion of Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence,—

Costs in civil actions.

Ordered, That the committee on Revision of the Judicial System inquire into the expediency of amending section 5 of chapter 227 of the Acts of the year 1876, so as to lessen the costs now recovered in civil actions in district, municipal and police courts.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton,—

Town aid to state paupers.

Ordered, That the committee on Towns inquire into the expediency of allowing cities and towns to furnish temporary aid to state paupers within their respective limits, and to charge the State therewith.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford,—

Interest on accounts.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the General Statutes, chapter 129, that interest upon the items of an account or bill of particulars annexed to one of the common counts, when legally recoverable, may be recovered without being specially declared upon.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Dog licenses.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 3 of chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1867, relative to dog licenses, so that the payments therein provided for shall be made in July instead of in December.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield,—

Auditing legislative expenses.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 186 of the Acts of 1875, entitled "an Act for the proper auditing of legislative expenses."

On motion of Mr. Winn of Buckland,—

Leases.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether section 2 of chapter 89 of the General Statutes ought not to be so amended that its provisions shall extend

to all leases, or to leases for a less term than seven years, whereby in searching titles encumbrance by lease may be found of record.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider whether any legislation is necessary or expedient, in the public interest, to prevent persons not members of the bar from practising as attorneys-at-law. Attorneys-at-law.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of making persons who have served as treasurers of cities for five consecutive years ineligible to re-election. City treasurers.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of forbidding the auditors and treasurers of cities to audit and pay any bills, unless the same have been first approved and countersigned by the majority of the committee of the city council under whose order or in whose department the bills were incurred. Auditing city accounts.

On motion of Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington,—

Ordered, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate to the House, if consistent with the public interests, whether any, and if so what, action has been taken under chapter 57 of the Resolves of the year 1876, instructing the Attorney-General, with the approval of the Governor and Council, to institute proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad, etc., with any information in his possession relating thereto. Boston & Albany Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Mackintosh of Needham,—

Ordered, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the committee on Agriculture, Wednesday A. M., March 7, for a public hearing. Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Enfield,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Friday, it be until Tuesday, March 6, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Adjournment.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, a Bill to provide for the insurance of books, public documents, and weights and measures in the custody of towns. Read, referred to the committee on Towns, and sent up for concurrence. Insurance of town books, etc.

Signatures.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, a Bill relating to the proof of signatures. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Non-resident guardians.

A Bill concerning non-resident guardians and their wards, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Foreign life insurance companies.

A Bill concerning foreign life insurance companies, reported on the Governor's address, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Registers of deeds.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Revision of the Judicial System consider the expediency of providing by law that the register of deeds in each county shall receive an annual salary in place of the fees to which they are now entitled.

English sparrows.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of including the English sparrow in the list of birds exempted from protection.

Loan and building associations.

The petition of Henry Hall and 25 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Overseers of houses of correction.

The Senate order, laid over yesterday, relative to abolishing the office of overseers of houses of correction, was adopted in concurrence.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To provide for the redemption of lands sold for non-payment of certain assessments;

To extend the time for the construction of a bridge over the eastern branch of Westport River;

To authorize the discontinuance of the old village burying-ground in the town of West Stockbridge, and the taking of the land of said burying-ground for school purposes;

To amend an Act relating to dividends of joint-stock fire and marine insurance companies, and to define the words "joint stock," and confirm the acts of certain insurance companies; and

Relating to the term of office of enginemen and other members of fire departments;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Punchard Free School in the town of Andover (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves: Resolves passed.

In favor of Albert L. Coolidge (which originated in the House of Representatives);

In relation to Bass and Gurnet rocks, off Plymouth and Duxbury bays; and

In favor of the town of West Boylston;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Studley of Rockland, from the committee on County Estimates, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to abolishing the office of overseers of houses of correction, and recommending its reference to the committee on Prisons. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and the order sent up for concurrence in the reference. Overseers of houses of correction.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. Divorces.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to selling the securities held by the State in the New York and New England Railroad, in part, recommending the adoption of the following order:— New York & New England Railroad.

Ordered, That the Board of Railroad Commissioners be instructed to examine into and report upon the financial condition of the New York and New England Railroad Company; said examination to cover the assets and liabilities of said company, together with all facts which may contribute to a full knowledge of its financial affairs. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Richard H. Richard H. Salter.

Salter. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

T. J. Burns. By Mr. Swain of Nantucket, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Timothy J. Burns, for state aid.

Instalment plan. By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to protection of persons purchasing goods on the instalment plan.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State almshouse. By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ought to pass in a new draft.

Appropriation bill, No. 6. By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the same committee, on a general order, a Bill making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1876 and previous years.

Plymouth Society. By Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Plymouth Society in Framingham to hold real estate for the purposes of a parsonage.

Hingham Cemetery. By Mr. Noyes of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the proprietors of the Hingham Cemetery to take and hold additional real and personal estate.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

P. O'Riordan. By Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Patrick O'Riordan of Boston ought to pass.

Educational expenses. By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, from the same committee, that the Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes ought to pass.

Ibid. By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the same committee, that the Resolve for the payment of certain educational expenses ought to pass.

State workhouse. By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater ought to pass.

Military board. By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, that the Resolve for printing advance sheets of report of board of military officers ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Napoleon T. Sheehan for state aid, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

Bills:

Concerning the taking of eels in certain waters in the town of Mattapoisett; and

To extend the time for settling and closing up the business affairs of the Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Worcester;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To authorize the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History to reconvey their property, and to dissolve said corporation; and

Relating to special contracts between persons and corporations and their servants, employés and workmen;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend the charter of the Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company of New England was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

At 2.55, adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 2, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Cook of Milford, petition of J. I. C. Cook and others in aid of the petition of Daniel Simmons and others, for leave to locate the Blackstone Savings Bank in Milford. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Blackstone Savings Bank.

By Mr. Crocker of Fitchburg, petition of Amasa Norcross and 513 others for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Boston & Chicago Railway Trust Co.

Liquor law. By Mr. Patch of Lynn, petition of Mary L. Draper and 150 others for a prohibitory liquor law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

W. Shanly. By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petition of A. E. Richmond and others; and by Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, petition of Robert Pomeroy and others,—severally in aid of the petition of Walter Shanly. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A. W. K. Newton. The petition of Samuel Fisher and others for the removal of A. W. K. Newton from the office of coroner was referred in concurrence to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Archives of the Commonwealth. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Education, to whom are committed the petitions respecting indexing the archives of the Commonwealth, be instructed to inquire what further legislation is necessary, if any, for the care and preservation of these ancient public documents.

Highway tax. The Bill to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, which were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Art and science schools. The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the memorial of the National Board of Trade for the establishment of art and science schools, and petitions in aid of the same, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Pharmacy. The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the mayor of Boston relative to the regulation of the practice of medicine and pharmacy in said city, the order relative to a general pharmacy law, and the Bill (on leave) to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in Massachusetts, and recommending their reference to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, was read and accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted. Engrossed bills:

Making appropriations for the education of the blind and of deaf-mutes, and for other educational purposes (which originated in the House of Representatives);

To incorporate the Boston School Committee;

To amend the charter of the Lawrence Gas Company; and

To incorporate the South Bay Improvement Company, and to provide for the merging of the South Cove Corporation and the South Bay Company in said first-named corporation;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Motion to Reconsider.

Adjournment.

A motion of Mr. Ingalls of Adams to reconsider the vote by which the order for adjournment over Monday was yesterday adopted was lost.

Reports of Committees.

Registration of voters in towns.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to a register of voters in towns, and recommending its reference to the committee on Towns. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule, and the order sent up for concurrence.

Reservoirs and highways.

By Mr. Martin of Southbridge, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, that the Bill (on leave) relating to the liabilities of reservoirs for damage to highways ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday, the question being on rejection of the bill.

Game.

By Mr. Kimball of Enfield, from the committee on Agriculture, that the Bill (recommitted) for the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game ought to pass, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday, the main question being on ordering to a third reading.

Jane Parks.

By Mr. Clark of Springfield, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Jane Parks.

R. F. Andrews.

By Mr. Madden of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Richard F. Andrews.

M. J. Lincoln.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Margaret J. Lincoln of Somerville.

Severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

State detectives' fees.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on

the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to fees of officers of the state detective force.

Edward Carroll. By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. D. Sisson and others for state aid for Edward Carroll.

Scituate. By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of George W. Bailey and others for authority for the town of Scituate to pay certain bounties.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association. By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to amend chapter 144 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association, ought to pass.

M. J. Crosby. By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Maria J. Crosby ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday for a second reading.

Chicopee Water Co. By Mr. Ellis of Ashland, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Chicopee Water Company.

Right of husband in wife's estate. By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill relating to the interest of a husband in the real estate of his wife on her decease.

State aid. By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a codification of the laws relating to state aid, taken from files, a Bill authorizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and the families of deceased soldiers.

Buckland. By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve (on leave) to furnish certain books, documents, and standard weights, measures and balances to the town of Buckland ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day. The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the protection of purchasers of goods on the instalment plan was accepted.

The report of the committee on Finance, on an order

relative to selling the securities held by the State in the New York and New England Railroad, in part, recommending the adoption of an order providing for an examination into the financial condition of said road, was accepted and the order adopted.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Timothy J. Burns for state aid was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the Plymouth Society in Framingham to hold real estate for the purposes of a parsonage;

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes;

To authorize the proprietors of the Hingham Cemetery to take and hold additional real and personal estate;

Making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1876 and previous years (amended on motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport);

Relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State; and

Concerning foreign life insurance companies; and

Resolves;

In favor of Patrick O'Riordan of Boston;

For the payment of certain educational expenses;

In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater; and

For printing advance sheets of report of board of military officers;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Concerning the taking of eels in certain waters in the town of Mattapoisett; and

To extend the time for settling and closing up the business affairs of the Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Worcester;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury was read, amended on motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, pending an amendment moved by Mr. Laws of Brockton; the main question being on ordering it to a third reading.

At 3.50, adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 6, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Liquor law.

By Mr. Cole of Williamstown, petition of Joseph White and 28 others; and by Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petitions of Shepherd Thayer and others, and Lizzie M. Sanford, and others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petitions of C. W. Carter and 126 others, S. S. Sherman and 36 others, and F. A. Metcalf and 49 others; and by Mr. Whitney of Belmont, petition of L. F. Lovering and 37 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg R. R. Co.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, petition of certain creditors of the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad Company, in aid of the petition of said company for authority to issue preferred stock. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Natick.

By Mr. Bird of Natick, petition of C. W. Gleason and others, that the town of Natick may be disannexed from the judicial district in which it is now included. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

W. Shanly.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petitions of D. J. Dean and others in aid of petition of Walter Shanly. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Co.

By Mr. Walker of Royalston, petition of T. H. Goodspeed and 75 others for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Game.

By Mr. Sheldon of Wilmington, remonstrance of C. L. Carter and others against any change in the game laws. Placed on file.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to ward officers in the city of Worcester ought not to pass, the committee having reported a general bill covering the subject. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on rejection of the bill. Worcester ward officers.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, that the House should concur in the Senate amendments to the House Bill to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurrence in the amendments. Highway tax.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the same committee, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill enabling towns to take land for burial-grounds, that the House should concur in the Senate amendment at I; also in the amendment at K, with an amendment; and also in the amendment at L; but that the House should non-concur in the other Senate amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on taking the action recommended.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Edgar E. Burritt of Sandwich. E. E. Burritt.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of John Sullivan of Medford. J. Sullivan.

By Mr. Clark of Springfield, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Benjamin Huddell of Salem. B. Huddell.

Severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Dickinson and another for an investigation of the doings of the clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester. Clerk of Central District Court of Worcester.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing both parties to a divorce from the bonds of matrimony to marry again. Re-marriage of divorced parties.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on the order (recom- Stable-keepers' liens.

mitted) relative to giving stable-keepers a lien upon horses and other animals for their charges for keeping the same; Messrs. Hill and Wade of the committee dissenting.

City and town subscriptions to railroad stock.

By Mr. Chapin of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to repealing the laws which authorize towns and cities to subscribe for and hold stock in railroad corporations.

Railroads.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to railroads.

Town treasuries.

By Mr. Cogswell of Leicester, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. P. Bacon and others for a law for the protection of funds in town treasuries.

Assessors of taxes.

By Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to repealing chapter 156 of the Acts of 1873, relating to the compensation of assessors of taxes.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Street pedlers.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition and remonstrances, a Bill in relation to sales at temporary stands in the streets of Boston.

Liens on buildings and land.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relating to liens on buildings and lands.

Election law.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the same committee, on an order relative to the duties of ward and town officers when the right to vote is challenged, etc., a Bill in amendment of an Act relating to elections; and

Ward officers.

On an order relative to inspectors of election in cities, a Bill relating to ward officers in cities.

Probate courts in Barnstable County.

By Mr. Wentworth of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on a petition, a Bill fixing the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Barnstable.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Educational expenses.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, the Resolve to provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses, was discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee on Finance.

State aid.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the Bill authorizing

the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and families of deceased soldiers, was discharged from the orders of the day, laid upon the table, and ordered to be reprinted.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to fees of officers of the state detective force, was accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. D. Sisson and others for state aid for Edward Carroll; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of George W. Bailey and others for authority for the town of Scituate to pay certain bounties;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the memorial of the National Board of Trade for the establishment of art and science schools, and petitions in aid of the same, was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill for the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game was amended, as recommended by the committee on Agriculture, and on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To incorporate the Chicopee Water Company;

Relating to the interest of a husband in the real estate of his wife on her decease; and

To amend chapter 144 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association; and

Resolves:

In favor of Maria J. Crosby; and

To furnish certain books, documents and standard weights, measures and balances to the town of Buckland;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To authorize the Plymouth Society in Framingham to hold real estate for the purposes of a parsonage;

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes;

To authorize the proprietors of the Hingham Cemetery to take and hold additional real and personal estate; and

Making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1876 and previous years; and

Resolves:

In favor of Patrick O'Riordan of Boston;

In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater; and

For printing advance sheets of the report of a board of military officers;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning foreign life insurance companies was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relating to the liabilities of reservoirs for damage to highways was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Bill relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State was read a third time, and its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, pending amendments moved by Messrs. Perry of Medford and Allen of Boston, the main question being on engrossment.

At 4.50, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 7, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petitions of C. H. Somers and 46 others, H. Dahl and 41 others, and James M. Carter and 154 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

W. Shanly.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, petition of S. Blackinton

and others in aid of the petition of Walter Shanly. Referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, petition of J. B. Packard and others for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Taxation.

By Mr. Cole of Williamstown, petition of A. W. Richardson and 29 others for a prohibitory liquor law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, was referred under the 20th joint rule to the next General Court:—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of so amending the Constitution that no loan of the credit of the State shall be given to any corporate body now existing, or that hereafter may exist, in this Commonwealth. State credit to corporations.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill to change certain harbor lines in Cape Cod Harbor in Provincetown came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, in which the House concurred. Cape Cod harbor.

The report of the committee on Printing, on an order, recommending the adoption of an order, amended by the Senate to read as follows:—

Ordered, That there be printed, under the direction of the Secretary of State, one thousand copies of the opinions of Hon. Dwight Foster and ex-Governor Emory Washburn; also the opinions of Charles R. Train and Isaac Redfield, in regard to the right of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company to redeem the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; Hoosac Tunnel, etc.

Was read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Certain Resolutions of factory operatives of Lawrence for the retention and enforcement of the ten-hour law, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Ten-hour law.

Taxation.

The petition of A. P. Wright and 40 others for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was referred in non-concurrence to the next General Court, a motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston to suspend the 20th joint rule being lost:—

Eastern railroad.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of authorizing the Savings Bank Commissioners to represent the interest of the several savings banks of the Commonwealth in the Eastern Railroad Company at all meetings of said corporation.

Reports of Committees.

Rumford Historical Association.

By Mr. Russell of Lowell, from the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles Choate and others for incorporation as the Rumford Historical Association.

Drunkards.

By Mr. Patch of Lynn, from the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George F. Stearns for a law disfranchising drunkards, etc.

East Bridgewater.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. H. Osborne and others for authority for the town of East Bridgewater to pay certain bounties.

Reports of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw:

J. M. Hudson.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, on the petition of Jennie M. Hudson for state aid.

E. M. Buckley.

By Mr. Swain of Nantucket, on the petition of Ellen M. Buckley for state aid.

M. R. Gabriel.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, on the petition of Martha R. Gabriel for state aid.

E. Spooner.

By Mr. Madden of Boston, on the petition of Eunice Spooner for state aid.

A. Farquharson.

By Mr. Clark of Springfield, on the petition of Alexander Farquharson for state aid.

A. F. Howland.

By Mr. White of Boston, on the petition of A. Frank Howland for arrears of pension.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports of the committee on Finance, ought to pass:

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, on the Resolve in favor of John Sullivan of Medford. J. Sullivan.

By Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, on the Resolve in favor of Benjamin Huddell of Salem; and B. Huddell.

On the Resolve for the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners, with an amendment. Discharged female prisoners.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, on the Resolve in favor of Margaret J. Lincoln of Somerville; and M. J. Lincoln.

On the Resolve in favor of Richard F. Andrews. R. F. Andrews.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, on the Resolve in favor of Edgar E. Burritt of Sandwich. E. E. Burritt.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, on the Bill to appropriate the income of the compensation fund for Boston Harbor, with an amendment. Compensation Fund Boston Harbor.

By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, on the Bill making an appropriation for the re-survey of the wharf lines of Boston Upper Harbor. Boston Upper Harbor.

By Mr. Bird of Natick, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, that the Bill (on leave) concerning the water supply of cities and towns ought to pass. Water supply.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve to provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses ought to pass in a new draft. Educational expenses.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the same committee, that the Resolve providing for the printing, binding and distribution of additional copies of the Decennial Census and Statistics of Industry ought to pass in a new draft. Census.

By Mr. Cunningham of Somerville, from the committee on County Estimates, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Middlesex County to borrow money for certain purposes. Middlesex County commissioners.

By Mr. Studley of Rockland, from the same committee, on the estimates of taxes for the several counties, a Resolve granting county taxes. County taxes.

By Mr. Cornish of New Bedford, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Taunton to issue additional water scrip, and to limit the amount thereof. Taunton water bonds.

By Mr. Sargent of Chelmsford, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill to amend chapter 110 Lobsters.

of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to the preservation of lobsters.

Haverhill police court.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on an order, a Bill relating to the civil terms of the police court of Haverhill.

Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Cole of Williamstown, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Taunton to construct a bridge across Taunton Great River.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

North Baptist Society, Dorchester.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, the Bill to authorize the Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Boston to mortgage its property, and to confirm the doings of the North Baptist Society in Dorchester.

State Almshouse.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on ordering to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Dickinson and another, for an investigation of the doings of the clerk of the Central District Court of Worcester was accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to repealing the laws which authorize towns and cities to subscribe for and hold stock in railroad corporations;

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to railroads;

Of the committee on Towns, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the compensation of assessors of taxes; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. P. Bacon and others for a law for the protection of funds in town treasuries;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

In relation to sales at temporary stands in the streets of Boston;

In amendment of an Act relative to elections;
In relation to ward officers in cities;
Fixing the time and places for holding probate courts in the county of Barnstable; and
Relating to liens on buildings and lands;
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:
To incorporate the Chicopee Water Company;
For the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game (amended on motions of Messrs. Sanderson of Littleton, Bird of Walpole, and Washburn of Worcester); and
Relating to the interest of a husband in the real estate of his wife on her decease (amended on motions of Messrs. Allen of Boston and Stone of Newburyport); and
Resolves;
In favor of Maria J. Crosby; and
To furnish certain books, documents and standard weights, measures and balances to the town of Buckland;
Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 144 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to the Butchers' Slaughtering and Melting Association, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relating to ward officers in the city of Worcester was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate amendments to the House Bill to amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax, were concurred in.

The action recommended by the committee on the Judiciary on the Senate amendments to the House Bill enabling towns to take land for burial-grounds was taken by the House.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing both parties to a divorce to marry again was considered. Mr. Allen of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Bill concerning divorces; and on his motion further consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow, and the bill ordered to be printed.

Similar action was taken, on motion of Mr. Brackett of

Boston, on the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to giving stable-keepers a lien upon horses, etc., for their charges for keeping the same; that gentleman moving to amend by substituting a Bill relating to stable-keepers.

The Bill relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Perry of Medford were adopted. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Allen of Boston was withdrawn, and the bill was further amended, on motion of Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, and rejected.

At 5.25, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 8, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Eligibility to the office of representative.

An opinion was received from the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court in answer to an order of the House, of date February 26th, relative to the eligibility of persons to election as members of the House of Representatives in certain cases.

Referred to committee on Elections and ordered to be printed.

Petitions Presented.

Turner's Falls Bridge.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, petition of William Keith and others, in aid of petition of Nelson Burrows and others, relative to a highway and bridge at Turner's Falls.

Merrimack River Bridge.

By Mr. Taylor of Haverhill, petition of S. F. Prescott and others in aid of petition relative to a bridge across Merrimack River from Bradford to Haverhill.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Pharmacy, etc.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, remonstrance of A. S. Hayward and 766 others against legislation relative to the practice of medicine and surgery in Massachusetts. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of James M. Lawton, Jr., and 40 others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Taxation.

By Mr. Bowen of Leominster, petition of W. F. Howe and 137 others for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Co.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, was laid over on request of Mr. Washburn of Worcester:—

Ordered, That hereafter, during the session, the time of each member in debate be limited to ten minutes, unless extended by a two-thirds vote; and such extension be limited to ten minutes unless otherwise expressly ordered. Limiting debate.

The following order, offered by Mr. Walden of Lynn, was laid over on request of Mr. Hill of Boston:—

Ordered, That there be printed, for the use of the members of the Legislature, an abstract of so much of the evidence and arguments presented at the hearings of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, as relates to cheap transportation, and the employment of said tunnel and railroad as means to that end. Hoosac Tunnel hearings.

The following order, offered by Mr. Laws of Brockton, was laid over on request of Mr. Osgood of Salem:—

Ordered, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to Dr. D. Banks McKenzie, the founder of the Appleton Temporary Home for Inebriates at Needham, Mass., on next Tuesday P. M., at 1½ o'clock, to deliver his lecture upon the success of his work. D. Banks McKenzie.

On motion of Mr. Thomas of Brookline,—

Ordered, That the use of the Hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the committee on Banks and Banking, on Wednesday forenoon, March 14, for a public hearing. Committee on Banks and Banking.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House order providing for the appointment of a special committee on state salaries. State salaries.

The following bills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading:—

Manufacturing corporations.

In addition to an Act concerning manufacturing and other corporations.

Standish Monument Association.

To repeal section 3 of chapter 338 of the Acts of the year 1872, incorporating the Standish Monument Association.

Superior court at Fall River.

Authorizing the superior court to hold sessions by adjournment at Fall River in the county of Bristol.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To change the name of the East Abington Baptist Society;

To preserve the eel fisheries in Herring River and its tributaries in the town of Wellfleet;

In relation to the metric system of weights and measures;

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Massachusetts Central Railroad;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To amend the charter of the Cotton and Woolen Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance Company of New England;

To confirm certain acts done by Charles C. Dillingham as coroner;

Concerning the overseers of the poor of the city of Cambridge; and

In relation to the rebuilding, repairing and maintaining of dikes, and works connected therewith, in the town of West Springfield;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves:

Concerning the records of the location of railroads; and

Authorizing the town of Marlborough to remove certain remains of the dead;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the report of the trustees of the institution, in part, a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth. Idiotic and feeble-minded youth.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the Governor's address, a Resolve to provide for the construction and equipment of a magazine at the state camp-grounds in the town of Framingham. Camp-grounds at Framingham.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Perry of Medford, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the rights of married women in disposing of property by will. Married women.

By Mr. Cogswell of Leicester, from the committee on Towns, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the assessment of taxes in fire districts. Taxes in fire districts.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Nathaniel Hinckley for reëstablishment of the safeguards of jury trial. Jury trial.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on orders relative to amendment of the Constitution concerning the election of representatives, senators and certain state officers. Election of state officers and members of general court.

Reports of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw:

By Mr. Swain of Nantucket, on the petition of Elbridge B. Fairbanks for state aid. E. B. Fairbanks.

By Mr. White of Boston, on the petition of Patrick Mihan for compensation for work done on the State House. P. Mihan.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, on the petition of Timothy Curtin for state aid. T. Curtin.

By Mr. Madden of Boston, on the petition of Mary Jane Puttillow for state aid. M. J. Puttillow.

By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, on the petition of Elizabeth J. Martin for state aid. E. J. Martin.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Hastings of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on a petition and a bill (recommitted), a Bill in addition to an Act to supply the Attleborough water supply.

village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes.

Officers at court in Suffolk Co.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on a bill (on leave), a Bill relating to the employment and compensation of officers in attendance upon the supreme judicial and superior courts in the county of Suffolk.

Onset Bay Grove Association.

By Mr. Tilton of Haverhill, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition (recommitted), a Bill to incorporate the Onset Bay Grove Association.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Motion to Reconsider.

Divorces.

Mr. Winn of Buckland moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State; and on his further motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Taken from the Table.

Voters.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the Bill in relation to qualification of voters was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State aid.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Bill authorizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and the families of deceased soldiers, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Discharged from the Orders.

Re-marriage of divorced parties.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing both parties to a divorce to marry again, was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table, pending his motion to amend by substituting a Bill concerning divorces.

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On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. Frank Howland for arrears of pension, was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

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Resolves:
In favor of John Sullivan of Medford;
In favor of Benjamin Huddell of Salem;
In favor of Margaret J. Lincoln of Somerville;
In favor of Richard F. Andrews;
To provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses;
In favor of Edgar E. Burritt of Sandwich; and
For the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance);
Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the Stoughton Street Baptist Church in Boston to mortgage its property, and to confirm the doings of the North Baptist Society in Dorchester; and the
Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury;
Were severally ordered to a third reading; the pending amendment of Mr. Laws of Brockton to the resolve being lost.

Bills:
In amendment of an Act relating to elections;
Fixing the times and places for holding sessions of the probate court in the county of Barnstable (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and
Relating to the recording of liens on buildings and lands (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);
Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to giving stable-keepers a lien upon horses, etc., for their charges for keeping the same, was considered; the pending motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston to amend by substituting a Bill relating to stable-keepers was carried, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow for a second reading.

The Bill concerning the water supply of cities and towns was read, and on motion of Mr. Hastings of Worcester was laid on the table; the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to sales at temporary stands in the

streets of Boston was read a third time, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Warren of Boston, its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston; the main question being on its engrossment.

The Bill in relation to ward officers in cities was read a third time, and pending amendments moved by Mr. Goulding of Worcester, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Prescott of Boston; the main question being on its engrossment.

At 5.35, adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 9, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Patch of Lynn, petition of Mary W. Huntley and 124 others; by Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park, petition of James Hill, Jr., and 622 others; by Mr. Sleeper of Malden, petition of Lucy A. Randall and 74 others; and by Mr. Rand of Cambridge, petition of Alonzo Stewart and 262 others,—severally for a prohibitory liquor law. Liquor law.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petitions of N. M. Jackman and 44 others, H. H. Homer and 33 others, and W. W. Russell and 38 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and Decennial Census.

By Mr. Tappan of Manchester, petition of G. F. Allen and 35 others for legislation for further protection against the bite of dogs. Referred to the committee on Agriculture. Dogs.

By Mr. Murphy of Marlborough, petition of S. H. Howe and 133 others for the incorporation of the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company. Referred to the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Co.

committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Fusilier Veteran Association.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, petition of Albert E. Procter and others for an Act of incorporation as the Fusilier Veteran Association. Referred under the 20th joint rule to the next General Court; a motion by Mr. Tompkins of Boston for the suspension of the rule being lost.

Orders Laid Over.

Hearings on Tunnel, etc.

The order relative to printing an abstract of evidence presented at the hearings of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

D. B. McKenzie.

The order relative to granting the use of the hall of the House of Representatives to Dr. D. B. McKenzie was rejected.

Limiting debate.

The order relative to limiting time of members in debate was amended on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, by substituting a new order as follows, and adopted :—

Ordered, That in debate of all matters coming before the House, speeches be limited to ten minutes each. This rule shall not be suspended, except by a two-thirds vote.

Papers from the Senate.

Agricultural College.

The following order was referred in concurrence to the committee on Printing :—

Ordered, That there be printed two thousand extra copies of the annual report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, for the use of the Legislature.

Bills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate :

Lenox Glass Co.

To dissolve the corporation of the Lenox Glass Company ; and

First District Court, Plymouth.

To confirm the appointment of the clerk of the First District Court of Plymouth ;

Were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Concord.

A Bill to authorize the town of Concord to raise additional funds to extend and complete its water works (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of the committee on Railroads, accepted by the Senate:

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to insolvent railroad corporations; Insolvent railroads.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring railroads to publish monthly statements; and Railroad monthly statements.

No legislation necessary on the annual report of the State Directors of the Boston & Albany Railroad Corporation; State directors B. & A. R. R.

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To confirm certain acts done by Edward G. Frothingham as a justice of the peace;

To change certain harbor lines in Cape Cod Harbor in Provincetown;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

Concerning foreign life insurance companies;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of the county commissioners of Berkshire for authority to build a workshop in connection with the county jail, and recommending its reference to the committee on Prisons. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule, and the petition sent up for concurrence in the reference. Berkshire Co. Commissioners.

By Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster. Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance. State Industrial School.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to protection of creditors when private assignments are made. Private assignments.

By Mr. Whitaker of Fall River, from the committee on Labor and Decennial Census, leave to withdraw, on peti- Bureau of Statistics.

tions for extension of the powers of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Co. H, 10th Regiment.

By Mr. Ellis of Melrose, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Amasa Norcross and others for the reëstablishment of Company H, Tenth Regiment, M. V. M., and petitions in aid of the same.

Shaw Guards.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles F. A. Francis and others for permission to organize as a colored infantry company in the M. V. M., and petitions in aid of the same.

Boston Light Dragoons.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Isaac S. Burrell and others, and David Scott and others, for authority for members of the Boston Light Dragoons to organize as a cavalry company in the M. V. M.

Railroad shareholders.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to voting by shareholders in railroad companies who have not paid in the full amount of their stock.

Fencing railroads.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation regarding the fencing of certain railroads.

West's Beach.

By Mr. Sleeper of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the West's Beach Corporation for amendment of its charter, and a petition in aid of and a remonstrance against the same.

J. M. Sowle.

By Mr. Gray of Fall River, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James M. Sowle for permission to extend his wharf in Westport Harbor.

Wood's Hole pilots.

By Mr. Holley of Edgartown, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Hinckley, Jr., and others, that the pilots of Wood's Hole Harbor may have certain rights and privileges granted to pilots elsewhere; and

Vineyard Haven.

Leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Charles Bradley and others, and H. S. Stickney and others, for the establishment of the office of harbor-master at Vineyard Haven.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Reports of the committee on Finance, ought to pass:

State campground.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, on the Resolve

to provide for the construction and equipment of a magazine at the state camp-grounds in the town of Framingham; and

On the Resolve in favor of Richard H. Salter. R. H. Salter.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, on the Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth. Feeble-minded youth.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, on the Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, with an amendment. Eye and Ear Infirmary.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, on the Bill to establish the salary of the first clerk in the insurance department of the Commonwealth. First clerk, ins. department.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, that the Resolve (on leave) providing for an amendment to the Constitution to permit the division of towns into election districts, ought to pass in a new draft. Election districts.

By Mr. Fairbank of Oakham, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill to fix the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Norfolk. Norfolk probate courts.

By Mr. Newton of Holyoke, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on an order dated February 20th, a Bill in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings. Savings banks.

By Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the First Congregational Society in Mansfield to sell its meeting-house. First Cong. Society, Mansfield.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill for the protection of public commons and parks. Public commons and parks.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to amend chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1867, relating to dog licenses. Dog licenses.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relative to the auditing and paying of bills by auditors and treasurers of cities. Auditing city bills.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

County taxes.

On motion of Mr. Wilder of Lowell, the Resolve granting county taxes was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Census.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport, the Resolve providing for the printing, binding and distribution of additional copies of the Decennial Census and Statistics of Industry was taken up; and on motion of Mr. Cook of Milford, its consideration was postponed until Tuesday, March 13.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the rights of married women in disposing of property by will, was accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Towns, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to assessment of taxes in fire districts;

Of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Nathaniel Hinckley for reëstablishment of the safeguards of jury trial; and

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw:

On the petition of Elbridge B. Fairbanks for state aid;

On the petition of Elizabeth J. Martin for state aid;

On the petition of Mary Jane Puttillow for state aid;

On the petition of Timothy Curtin for state aid; and

On the petition of Patrick Mihan for compensation for work done on the State House;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relating to stable-keepers;

In addition to an Act to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Hastings of Worcester);

Relating to the employment and compensation of officers in attendance upon the supreme judicial and superior courts in the county of Suffolk;

In addition to an Act concerning manufacturing and other corporations;

To repeal section 3 of chapter 338 of the Acts of the year 1872, incorporating the Standish Monument Association; and

Authorizing the superior court to hold sessions by adjournment at Fall River in the county of Bristol;

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Making an appropriation for the re-survey of the wharf lines of Boston Upper Harbor (amended on motion of Mr. Hall of Boston);

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Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on orders relative to amendment of the Constitution concerning the election of representatives, senators and certain state officers, was accepted and sent up for concurrence, a motion by Mr. Thayer of Blackstone to amend by substituting three resolves being lost. Subsequently, Mr. Thayer moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report was accepted; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

The Bill in relation to sales at temporary stands in the streets of Boston was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence; the pending motion of Mr. Warren of Boston to amend being lost, and an amendment moved by Mr. Hill of Boston being adopted. Subsequently, Mr. Thayer of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was passed to be engrossed, and to postpone consideration of that motion until Wednesday next; and the latter motion was carried.

The Bill to incorporate the Onset Bay Grove Association was read and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston; the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to qualification of voters was read and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, pending a motion to amend by Mr. Bird of Walpole; the main question being on ordering to a third reading.

At 5.15, adjourned.

MONDAY, March 12, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Warren of Boston.

Petitions Presented.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Whitehouse of Boston, petitions of C. F. Hodgkins and 60 others, and G. H. Richards and 43 others; by Mr. Lowe of Bridgewater, petitions of William Allen and 51 others, and J. Q. A. Pierce and 43 others; by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petitions of J. H. Harlow and 48 others, and E. B. Parker and 63 others; by Mr. Hayden of Weymouth, petitions of Thomas O. Norwood and 8 others, and Robert Rogers and 55 others; and by Mr. Tompkins of Boston, petition of J. W. Sloan and others, —severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Taxation.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, petition of S. G. Morgan and 22 others for just and equal taxation.

Ibid.

By Mr. Pierce of West Boylston, petition of W. C. Howe and others for legislation authorizing real estate

owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged.

Severally referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

By Mr. Clark of Winchendon, petition of the selectmen and others of Winchendon for amendment of the laws relative to damages for injuries received by reason of defective highways. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Highway damages.

By Mr. Tilton of Haverhill, remonstrance of J. V. Smiley and others against the construction of a bridge over Merrimack River between Bradford and Haverhill. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Merrimack River bridge.

By Mr. Woodbury of Beverly, petition of J. Pickett and 72 others in aid of the petition of E. J. Trull for legislation concerning rifle practice. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Rifle practice.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Rev. W. H. Kling and 170 others for a prohibitory liquor law, was referred in concurrence to the committee on the Liquor Law. Liquor law.

The annual report of the Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth was referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs. Adjutant General's Report.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James R. Davis and others for the establishment of a militia company in Milford, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Militia company in Milford.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To incorporate the Adams Nervine Asylum;

To amend section 6 of chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1869, for the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals;

To facilitate proceedings against corporations for not making returns under chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870;

To amend chapter 298 of the Acts of the year 1871, relative to highway tax;

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companies who have not paid in the full amount of their stock;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation regarding the fencing of certain railroads;

Of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James M. Sowle for permission to extend his wharf in Westport Harbor;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Hinckley, Jr., and others, that the pilots of Wood's Hole Harbor may have certain rights and privileges granted to pilots elsewhere; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Charles Bradley and others, and H. S. Stickney and others, for the establishment of the office of harbormaster at Vineyard Haven;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of the committee on Railroads:

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to insolvent railroad corporations;

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring railroads to publish monthly statements; and

No legislation necessary, on the annual report of the State Directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To establish the salary of the first clerk in the insurance department of the Commonwealth;

For the protection of public commons and parks;

To authorize the First Congregational Society in Mansfield to sell its meeting-house;

To amend chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1867, relating to dog licenses;

Relative to the auditing and paying of bills by auditors and treasurers of cities; and

To authorize the town of Concord to raise additional funds to extend and complete its water works; and

Resolves:

Providing for an amendment to the Constitution to permit the division of towns into election districts;

To provide for the construction and equipment of a magazine at the state camp-grounds in the town of Framingham;

In favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth;

In favor of Richard H. Salter;

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary (the amendment recommended by the committee on Finance being lost); and

Granting county taxes;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relating to stable-keepers (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read: "Bill giving stable-keepers a lien upon horses for their charges");

In addition to an Act to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes; and

Relating to the employment and compensation of officers in attendance upon the supreme judicial and superior courts in the county of Suffolk (amended on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston);

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To repeal section 3 of chapter 338 of the Acts of the year 1872, incorporating the Standish Monument Association; and

Authorizing the superior court to hold sessions by adjournment at Fall River in the county of Bristol;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act concerning manufacturing and other corporations was read a third time (the title having been amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read: "Bill authorizing manufacturing and other corporations to change their locations"), passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment to the title.

The motion of Mr. Thayer of Blackstone to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on orders relative to amendment of the Constitution concerning the election of representatives, senators and certain state officers, was lost.

The Bill to fix the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Norfolk was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park was recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Bill in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings was read a second time, and recommitted to the committee on Banks and Banking on motion of Mr. Babson of Gloucester, pending a motion to amend by Mr. Johnson of Brookfield.

At 4.45, adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 13, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, petition of C. W. Gray and 35 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Liquor law.

By Mr. Johnson of Holliston, petition of W. F. White and others for a prohibitory liquor law. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Taxation.

By Mr. Lessey of Amherst, petition of F. P. Ainsworth and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

N. Y. & N. E. R. R.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, petition of A. S. Porter and others in aid of the petition of the town of Brookline for legislation compelling the New York and New England Railroad Company to provide an additional station in Brookline. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

A. W. K. Newton.

Ordered, That in the case of A. W. K. Newton the joint committee on the Revision of the Judicial System have power to send for persons and papers.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions of Snow & Rollins and 69 others, and Blake & Alden and 50 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Labor and Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

The petition of certain militia officers in aid of the petition of E. J. Trull and others for legislation in regard to rifle practice, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs. Rifle practice.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:—

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of K. M. Gilmore and others for authority to raise a cavalry company, to be included in the militia; and Gilmore Cavalry Company.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. W. Hodgdon for incorporation of a society to be known as "The Spartans"; Spartans.

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to incorporate the Athol Water Company (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Athol Water Company.

A Bill to legalize certain doings of the town of Lexington, introduced on leave in the Senate and considered under suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down for concurrence in the suspension of the rule, and the House non-concurred. Subsequently, Mr. Hawkes of Lynn moved to reconsider the vote of non-concurrence, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Lexington.

A Bill to change the time of holding the June term of the superior court for criminal business, for the county of Middlesex, also introduced on leave in the Senate and considered under suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down for concurrence in the suspension of the rule, and the House non-concurred. Mr. Hill of Boston afterward moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Middlesex Co superior court.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of William R. Fish. W. R. Fish.

Lewis Gaul.

By Mr. Madden of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Lewis Gaul.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

State Industrial School.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Westborough.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, from the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Westborough to reimburse money paid for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Pawnbrokers.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to pawnbrokers ought to pass in a new draft.

Tombs.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes, in respect to closing tombs in cities.

Pittsfield.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to extend the time in which the inhabitants of Pittsfield may vote upon the acceptance of their city charter.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Fresh Pond.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Cambridge for authority to make police regulations for the borders of Fresh Pond.

Town voting districts.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to dividing towns into voting districts.

City treasurers.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to making treasurers of cities ineligible to reëlection after five years' service.

American Academy of Dental Science.

By Mr. Wilson of Taunton, from the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the American Academy of Dental Science for an Act of incorporation; and

Studies in schools.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amendment of the laws defining the studies to be taught in public schools.

Boston Teachers' Association.

By Mr. Russell of Lowell, from the same committee,

leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act to incorporate the Teachers' Association of the city of Boston; also for the incorporation of the school committee of said city for certain purposes.

By Mr. Pope of Somerville, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of David Pulsifer for compensation for services in copying state documents. D. Pulsifer.

By Mr. Wells of Boston, from the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. M. Lewis for the protection of shell-fisheries between Quisette Harbor and Buzzard's Bay in Falmouth. Shell-fisheries Buzzard's Bay.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Chapin of Boston, the vote by which the House yesterday accepted the report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to insolvent railroad corporations, in concurrence with the Senate, was reconsidered. Pending the recurring question on acceptance, the report was recommitted to the committee on motion of the same gentleman. Insolvent railroads.

Sent up for concurrence.

Recess.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the House took a recess of fifteen minutes to allow members to pay their respects to the Hon. Samuel J. Randall, late Speaker of the National House of Representatives, who was present. Samuel J. Randall.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Sarah J. Crossman for compensation for damages sustained by her husband while a state constable, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James R. Davis and others for the establishment of a militia company in Milford, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To amend chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to savings banks;

For the better protection of children (amended on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston); and

To amend certain acts establishing the city of Lynn; and a

Resolve providing for the printing, binding and distribution of additional copies of the Decennial Census and Statistics of Industry;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To fix the salary of the first clerk in the insurance department of the Commonwealth;

For the protection of public commons and parks;

To authorize the First Congregational Society in Mansfield to sell its meeting-house; and

To amend chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1867, relating to dog licenses; and

Resolves:

To provide for the construction and equipment of a magazine at the state camp-grounds in the town of Framingham;

In favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth;

In favor of Richard H. Salter (the title being so amended, on motion of Mr. Flagg of Millbury, as to read, "Resolve in favor of Catherine A. Britt");

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary; and

Granting county taxes (amended on motion of Mr. Studley of Rockland);

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the town of Concord to raise additional funds to extend and complete its water works was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing both parties to a divorce to marry again was accepted: the pending motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, to amend by substituting a Bill concerning divorces, being lost.

Further consideration of the Bill to incorporate the Onset Bay Grove Association was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole.

Further consideration of the Bill to establish a metro-

politan police was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston.

The Bill to incorporate the town of North Adams was read a second time, and its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield.

The Bill relative to the auditing and paying of bills by auditors and treasurers of cities was read a third time and indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem.

The Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution to permit the division of towns into election districts was read a third time, and its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston.

At 5.35, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 14, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Sleeper of Malden, remonstrances of Artemas White and 71 others, and George W. Ware, Jr., and 28 others,—severally against police jurisdiction by Cambridge over any part of the territory of Belmont. Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Cambridge and Belmont—Fresh Pond.

By Mr. Sheldon of Wilmington, remonstrance of John N. Eames and others against the passage of laws regulating the practice of medicine and surgery. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Medicine and surgery.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of W. C. Jenks and 25 others, in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census. Loan and building associations.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Osgood of Salem, was laid over on request of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield:—

Ordered, That House rule 84 be so far amended that on measures referred to the committee on Finance under House rule 84.

House rule 42, the ten minutes allowed for closing the debate shall be equally divided between the member of the Finance Committee reporting upon the measure and the member originally reporting it, the latter to have the close.

Papers from the Senate.

State Reform School.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions on the disturbance at the Reform School at Westborough, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Friars Minor.

A Bill to authorize the Society of the Friars Minor of the Order of St. Francis of New York to hold real estate in this Commonwealth (reported on a bill introduced on leave), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Enabling towns to take land for burial-grounds;

Concerning the taking of eels in certain waters in the town of Mattapoisett;

To authorize the Plymouth Society in Framingham to hold real estate for the purposes of a parsonage; and

To authorize the proprietors of the Hingham Cemetery to take and hold additional real and personal estate;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Savings banks.

By Mr. Newton of Holyoke, from the committee on Banks and Banking, that the Bill (recommitted) in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings ought to pass in a new draft. Read and ordered to a second reading.

State Primary School.

By Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on a petition and a statement, a Resolve in favor of the State Primary School at Monson.

Samuel Hillman.

By Mr. Swain of Nantucket, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Samuel Hillman of North Adams.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. P. Simpson and others of Framingham for leave to organize as a cavalry company in the militia. E. P. Simpson—cavalry company.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to control of private charitable institutions by the Board of State Charities; and Private charitable institutions.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ezra Farnsworth and others for legislation to prevent imposition by agents of charitable institutions. Agents of the same.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Horace P. Wakefield for reimbursement of moneys expended for the State Primary School at Monson. H. P. Wakefield.

By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Farrell for reimbursement of money paid as surety for the appearance of a prisoner in court. Edward Farrell.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Timothy Connolly for state aid. T. Connolly.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Natick, the Bill concerning the water-supply of cities and towns was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Water-supply of cities and towns.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary:— Orders of the day.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Cambridge for authority to make police regulations for the borders of Fresh Pond;

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to dividing towns into voting districts; and

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to making treasurers of cities ineligible to reëlection after five years' service;

Were severally accepted.

Reports:

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Reports of Committees.

Savings banks.

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State Primary School.

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Samuel Hillman.

By Mr. Swain of Nantucket, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Samuel Hillman of North Adams.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. P. Simpson and others of Framingham for leave to organize as a cavalry company in the militia. E. P. Simpson—cavalry company.

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By Mr. Lawrence of Groton, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Farrell for reimbursement of money paid as surety for the appearance of a prisoner in court. Edward Farrell.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Timothy Connolly for state aid. T. Connolly.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

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Orders of the Day.

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Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to dividing towns into voting districts; and

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to making treasurers of cities ineligible to reëlection after five years' service;

Were severally accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the

petition of David Pulsifer for compensation for services in copying state documents;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. M. Lewis for the protection of shell-fisheries between Quisette Harbor and Buzzard's Bay in Falmouth;

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the American Academy of Dental Science for an Act of incorporation;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amendment of the laws defining the studies to be taught in public schools; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act to incorporate the Teachers' Association of the city of Boston; also for the incorporation of the school committee of said city for certain purposes;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. W. Hodgdon for incorporation of a society to be known as "The Spartans"; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of K. M. Gilmore and others for authority to raise a cavalry company, to be included in the militia;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

Authorizing the town of Westborough to reimburse money paid for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence;

To extend the time in which the inhabitants of Pittsfield may vote upon the acceptance of their city charter;

To amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes, in respect to closing tombs in cities;

Relating to pawnbrokers; and

To incorporate the Athol Water Company; and a

Resolve in favor of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to incorporate the Onset Bay Grove Association was amended on motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To amend chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to savings banks; and

For the better protection of children; and the

Resolve providing for the printing, binding and distribution of additional copies of the Decennial Census and Statistics of Industry (amended on motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport);

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Thayer of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House passed to be engrossed the Bill in relation to sales at temporary stands in the streets of Boston was carried, and the question recurring on engrossment, the bill was rejected.

The motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn to reconsider the vote by which the House non-concurred with the Senate in the suspension of the 20th joint rule to allow the consideration of a Bill (introduced on leave) to legalize certain doings of the town of Lexington was carried, and the question recurring on concurring in the suspension of the rule, the House refused to concur.

The motion of Mr. Hill of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House non-concurred with the Senate in the suspension of the 20th joint rule to allow the consideration of a Bill (introduced on leave) to change the time of holding the June term of the superior court for criminal business for the county of Middlesex was lost.

The Bill to establish a metropolitan police was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, pending the question on its rejection as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to incorporate the town of North Adams was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Roads of Marblehead, pending the question on ordering it to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution to permit the division of towns into election districts was considered, and after debate was rejected, less than two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative. The yeas and nays were as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Anthony, Job K.
Babson, Thomas M.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cole, John L.
Cook, John H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dean, George A.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.
Fox, James W.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Hale, Charles.
Hallet, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Ingalls, Charles H.

Messrs. Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mahony, James T.
Martin, Isaac B.
Melcher, George B.
Merritt, Simeon.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Rand, Oliver J.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Richards, James H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Swain, Charles B.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Turner, John.
Wade, Levi C.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.

Messrs. Watts, William.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilson, George C.
Messrs. Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atherton, Samuel.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, Henry A.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bryant, William H. H.
Canfield, Horace J.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cone, George N.
Crossman, Edward J.
Davis, Charles W.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Gross, Frank S.
Holley, Richard.
Kimball, Ensign.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lovell, John D.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mellen, James H.
Merriam, Francis P.
Murphy, James T.
Messrs. Newton, Nathaniel A.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Peters, William C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Randall, David.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Smith, Peter D.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Torrey, Merritt.
Walden, Edwin.
Walker, Joseph.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sidney F.
Wilson, George A.
Wing, Daniel.
Wiswell, Joseph.

Yeas, 105; nays, 55.

Subsequently, Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolve was rejected. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill to amend certain Acts establishing the city of Lynn was read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

At 5 o'clock, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 15, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Green Harbor Dike.

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of George Baker and others in aid of the petition of N. H. Whiting and others relative to Green Harbor Dike. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Judicial system.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, the memorial of the town of Barnstable relative to the revision of the judicial system. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Wilson of Taunton, petition of T. J. Lathrop and 134 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

House rule 84.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Osgood of Salem, and laid over, relative to amendment of House rule 84, was laid on the table on motion of the same gentleman.

The following order, offered by Mr. Ingalls of Adams, was laid over on request of Mr. Bird of Walpole:—

Visit to Hoosac Tunnel.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms make suitable provisions for a visit of the members of the House of Representatives to the Hoosac Tunnel on Friday, the 23d instant.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston,—

State Reform School.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions inquire and report whether any, and what, legislation is necessary in regard to the discipline at the State Reform School at Westborough.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Game.

The House Bill for the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game, came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate in concurrence, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Administrators, etc.

The House Bill requiring administrators, executors, guardians and trustees to render their accounts annually,

came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, which were referred under the rule to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Reports, leave to withdraw, accepted by the Senate:—

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of John Glancy for indemnity for confiscation by the United States of property sold to him by authority of the State of Massachusetts; and

John Glancy.

Of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on the petition of A. C. Stone and others for the removal of William Stevens from the office of justice of the police court of Lawrence;

Wm. Stevens—justice Lawrence police court.

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted.

To extend the time for settling and closing up the business affairs of the Central Fire Insurance Company of Worcester (which originated in the House of Representatives);

Authorizing manufacturing and other corporations to change their locations;

To repeal section 3 of chapter 338 of the Acts of the year 1872, incorporating the Standish Monument Association; and

Authorizing the superior court to hold sessions by adjournment at Fall River, in the county of Bristol;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Watts of Taunton, from the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the report (recommitted) of the Chaplain of the State Prison, so far as it relates to religious instruction in prisons.

Religious instruction in prisons.

By Mr. Cook of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on the annual report of the Commissioners on Prisons.

Prison Commissioners.

By Mr. Winship of Wakefield, from the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to establishing by law a fixed rate of interest.

Rate of interest.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Old

Old Colony R. R. Co.

Colony Railroad Company for authority to unite with the Dorchester and Milton Branch Railroad Company.

Windsor.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, from the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Windsor for permission to return to the district system in their public schools.

Twelfth Suffolk District.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Osborne, Jr., for the seat as Representative from the Twelfth Suffolk District; and

Ibid.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Francis Hayden for the seat of Edward J. Jenkins as Representative from the Twelfth Suffolk District.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Massachusetts Anglers' Association.

By Mr. Sargent of Chelmsford, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Anglers' Association.

Montgomery Guard.

By Mr. Bridges of Deerfield, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Montgomery Guard Association of the city of Boston.

Explosives.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the committee on Railroads, that the Bill (on leave) in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Normal Art-School.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, from the committee on Education, on the annual report of the Board of Education, in part, a Resolve relating to the State Normal Art-School. Read and referred on motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers to the committee on Public Lands. Sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Timothy Connolly for state aid; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Horace P. Wakefield for reimbursement of moneys expended for the State Primary School at Monson;

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to control of private charitable institutions by the Board of State Charities; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ezra Farnsworth and others for legislation to prevent imposition by agents of charitable institutions; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. P. Simpson and others of Framingham for leave to organize as a cavalry company in the militia;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings was read, amended on motion of Mr. Heywood of Worcester, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the water-supply of cities and towns was ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Authorizing the town of Westborough to reimburse money contributed for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence;

To extend the time within which the inhabitants of Pittsfield may vote upon the acceptance of their city charter;

To amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes, in respect to closing tombs in cities;

Relating to pawnbrokers (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read, "Bill to authorize a more strict supervision of the business of pawnbrokers"); and

To incorporate the Onset Bay Grove Association; and a

Resolve in favor of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Farrell for reimbursement of money paid as surety for the appearance of a prisoner in court, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary on motion of Mr. Madden of Boston.

The motion of Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution to permit the division of towns into election districts was carried, and the question recurring on agreeing to said article of amendment in these words, to wit:—

"The General Court shall have full power to divide any town into election districts, and prescribe the manner of

calling and holding public meetings of the legal voters of such town in such districts, for the election of officers under the Constitution, and the manner of receiving and returning the votes given at such elections," it was agreed to, two-thirds of the members of the House present and voting thereon having voted in the affirmative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Babson, John J.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cole, John L.
Cook, John H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Dacey, Timothy.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Ellis, William F.
Messrs. Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Howard, William C.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Luther, Hale S.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mahony, James T.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.

Messrs. Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, Baxter E.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Rand, Oliver J.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Richards, James H.
Sanderson, George W.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.

Messrs. Spaulding, Mark H.
Swain, Charles B.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Train, William G.
Wade, Levi C.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Ayer, Edwin.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, Henry A.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bird, Francis W.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Canfield, Horace J.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cone, George N.
Crossman, Edward J.
Donald, William C.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.

Messrs. Ellis, W. Irving.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Holley, Richard.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Mackintosh, James.
Madden, Hugh A.
Merriam, Francis P.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.

Messrs. Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Randall, David.
Rice, Charles B.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Smith, Iram.
Messrs. Smith, Peter D.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swett, Noah.
Torrey, Merritt.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Wilde, William W.
Wing, Daniel.

Yeas, 143; nays, 53.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions on the disturbance at the Reform School at Westborough was considered, and after debate was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to inquire whether any legislation is necessary in regard to sending inmates of the Westborough Reform School for trial to the criminal courts, and to providing counsel for such inmates if thus sent to the courts.

At 5.45, adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 16, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Whitehouse of Boston, petition of A. Johnson and 27 others; by Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Robert Burlen and 16 others; and by Mr. Hayden of Weymouth, petition of George B. Blake and 134 others, —severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Green Harbor.

By Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, the memorial of J. H. Wilson and 21 others in relation to Green Harbor in Marshfield; and remonstrance of George A. Taylor and 104 others relative to the same. Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Taxation.

By Mr. Mackintosh of Needham, petition of E. J.

Eaton and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Ingalls of Adams, and laid over, relative to a visit by the House to the Hoosac Tunnel, was adopted. Visit to Hoosac Tunnel.

On motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad be allowed further time to report after the time limited in the rules for the reports of committees; and that they be allowed to combine in one report all such matters referred to them as they shall deem expedient; and to report in print. Committee on Tunnel.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the memorial of William Watson, commissioner to the Vienna exhibition of 1873, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Wm. Watson.

Bills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate:

To authorize the Hingham Wharf and Land Company, in the town of Hingham, to construct their dam so as to exclude the tide from the basin within the dam; and Hingham Wharf and Land Co.

To authorize the town of Hingham to build and maintain a road and dam across Broad Cove in said town, and to exclude the tide therefrom; Broad Cove.

Reported on petitions, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on an order, a Resolve to authorize the purchase of certain maps prepared by A. W. Hoyt, showing railroad routes to the Hoosac Tunnel. Read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance. A. W. Hoyt—Maps of Hoosac Tunnel routes.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, from the committee on the Fisheries, that the Bill (recommitted) to amend chapter Wellfleet alewife fisheries.

56 of the Acts of the year 1836, relative to the alewife fishery in the town of Wellfleet, ought not to pass.

Real estate titles.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate ought not to pass; Messrs. Wade and Hill of the committee dissenting.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question in each case being on rejection of the bill.

Leases.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the recording of leases.

Fraud at elections.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to preventing fraud at elections.

Truro and Provincetown.

By Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Truro for an Act establishing the line between Truro and Provincetown.

Massachusetts Family Bank.

By Mr. Thomas of Brookline, from the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the corporators of the Massachusetts Family Bank for amendment of charter.

Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank.

By Mr. Newton of Holyoke, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank for power to hold additional real estate.

Bridges.

By Mr. Chapin of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, in relation to bridges; and

Insolvent railroads.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to insolvent railroad corporations.

Grade crossings.

By Mr. Whitney of Belmont, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the crossing of highways by railroads at grade.

Fall River R. R. Co.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fall River Railroad Company for leave to issue preferred stock.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Fall River—Buffinton Street.

By Mr. Martin of Southbridge, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Fall River to lay out and construct a way, known as Buffinton Street, through a private burial-ground.

By Mr. Kimball of Revere, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the construction of bridges over Bourne's Pond River, Green's Pond River, and Great Pond River, in the town of Falmouth. Bridges in Falmouth.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the use of side-arms by the Veteran Artillery Association of Amesbury and Salisbury. Amesbury and Salisbury Veteran Association.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the same committee, on petitions (recommitted) relating to a colored infantry company, a Bill to amend chapter 204 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning the militia. Colored infantry company.

By Mr. Shortle of Provincetown, from the committee on Harbors, on a petition of A. H. Tower and others, a Bill amending an Act to protect the shores and beaches in Scituate. Scituate beaches.

By Mr. Miller of Fitchburg, from the committee on Prisons, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the building of a workshop at the jail of the county of Berkshire. Berkshire Jail.

By Mr. Wilder of Lowell, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the use of steam as a motive power upon branches of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation in the city of Lowell. Boston and Lowell R. R.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to dissolve the Weymouth Fire District, and for other purposes. Weymouth Fire District.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, the petition of a committee of the town of Marshfield for investigation into the affairs of the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company was taken from the table, referred to the committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence. Duxbury and Cohasset R. R. Co.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the Bill in relation to qualification of voters was taken up and placed in the orders of the day for Monday, pending an amendment moved by Mr. Bird of Walpole, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading. Qualification of voters.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston, the Bill to establish a metropolitan police was taken up, and its further consideration postponed until Tuesday next, the question being on its rejection. Metropolitan police.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports of the committee on Elections, leave to withdraw:

On the petition of John Osborne, Jr., for the seat as Representative from the Twelfth Suffolk District; and

On the petition of Francis Hayden for the seat of Edward J. Jenkins as Representative from the Twelfth Suffolk District;

Were severally accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to establishing by law a fixed rate of interest;

Of the committee on Education, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Windsor for permission to return to the district system in their public schools;

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company for authority to unite with the Dorchester and Milton Branch Railroad Company; and

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the annual report of the Commissioners on Prisons;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. C. Stone and others for the removal of William Stevens from the office of justice of the police court of Lawrence; and

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Glancy for indemnity for confiscation by the United States of property sold to him by authority of the State of Massachusetts;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the Society of the Friars Minor of the Order of St. Francis of New York to hold real estate in this Commonwealth;

To amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Anglers' Association; and

In regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Concerning water-supply contracts between different cities and towns (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

In relation to savings banks and institutions for savings (the title having been amended by the same committee to read, "Bill authorizing savings banks and institutions for savings to increase their loans on personal securities");

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Athol Water Company was read, and on motion of Mr. Winn of Buckland, was laid on the table, the question being on its engrossment.

The Bill to incorporate the Montgomery Guard Association of the city of Boston was read, and its further consideration postponed until Monday on motion of Mr. Thayer of Boston, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the report (recommitted) of the Chaplain of the State Prison, so far as it relates to religious instruction in prisons, was accepted. Subsequently, Mr. Rice of Danvers moved a reconsideration of the vote of acceptance, which motion being at once considered under suspension of the rule was carried. Pending the recurring question on the acceptance of the report, the matter was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Bancroft of Boston, with instructions to give a hearing.

At 3.50, adjourned.

MONDAY, March 19, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petitions of J. A. Cummings and 9 others, J. F. Hogan and 42 others, J. F. Paul and 12 others, and Russell Sturgis, Jr., and 22 others; and by Mr. Mellen of Worcester, petitions of J. K. Fogg and 15 others, and Andrew Hausman and 16 others,— Loan and building associations.

severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census, and sent up for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston,—

Committee on Judicial System.

Ordered, That the committee on Revision of the Judicial System be allowed further time, not exceeding ten days from the twenty-second day of March, in which to report upon matters pending before them.

Sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

State Reform School.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, a Bill concerning the State Reform School at Westborough. Read, referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A Bill to amend an Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (reported on an order relative to lands in the Back Bay), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

Rate of interest.

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to fixing the rate of interest which savings banks may receive on mortgages;

Pollution of streams.

Of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the prevention of the pollution of streams; and

School committees.

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the compensation of members of school committees;

Bulfinch's Mythology.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to introducing Bulfinch's Mythology into public schools; and

Deerfield Academy.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of Gorham D. Williams and others for consolidation of the Deerfield Academy and the Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School, and a remonstrance against the same;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Old South Meeting-House in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the same; Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, of the committee, dissenting from the provisions of the bill relative to conferring eminent domain and appropriating the funds of the city and State. Old South Church.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on a petition, a Bill to establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Newburyport. Newburyport police court.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to confirm the appointment of the clerk of the First District Court of Plymouth ought to pass. First District Court of Plymouth.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Lewis Gaul ought to pass. Lewis Gaul.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

By Mr. Mellen of Worcester, from the committee on Labor and Decennial Census, on certain resolutions and orders adopted January 11th, 23d and 25th, and February 23d, a Bill relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings, and for other purposes. Factory inspectors and ten-hour law.

By Mr. Wells of Boston, from the committee on the Fisheries, on petitions, a Bill to amend chapter 103 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning the taking of fish in North River in the county of Plymouth. North River.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on an order, a Bill to amend section 1 of chapter 234 of the Acts of the year 1847, relating to regulations concerning Boston Harbor. Boston Harbor.

By Mr. Hannum of Cambridge, from the committee on Street Railways, on an order, a Bill concerning the amount of capital stock of street railway corporations in certain cases. Street railways.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Railroads, on an order, recommitted, a Resolve in relation to fencing railroads. Fencing railroads.

Catalogue State Library.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Resolve providing for the printing of the new catalogue of the State Library ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Void marriages.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to proceedings for declaring the nullity of void marriages.

Blackstone Savings Bank.

By Mr. Kinsman of Winchester, from the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel Simmons and others for leave to locate the Blackstone Savings Bank in the town of Milford, and a petition in aid of the same.

Foster King.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Foster King for compensation for damages on account of reconstruction of Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Wenham Lake.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, from the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Salem for legislation to prevent the ingress of alewives into Wenham Lake.

State Workhouse.

By Mr. Lowe of Bridgewater, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Inspectors of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater; and

Northampton Lunatic Hospital.

By Mr. Davis of Templeton, from the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Motion to Reconsider.

Visit to Hoosac Tunnel.

A motion by Mr. Wade of Newton to reconsider the vote by which the House on Friday adopted an order providing for a visit to the Hoosac Tunnel was lost.

Death of Ex-Governor Washburn.

Death of ex-Governor Washburn.

Mr. Sleeper of Cambridge announced the death of ex-Governor Emory Washburn, senior member of the House, which occurred in Cambridge on Sunday, March 18.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole,—

Ibid.

Ordered, That a committee of nine on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to

attend the funeral of the late Hon. Emory Washburn, the senior member of this House, and formerly Governor of the Commonwealth, and to prepare appropriate resolutions.

Ordered, That, as a further mark of respect, the House do now adjourn.

The Speaker appointed, on the part of the House, Messrs. Bird of Walpole, Hale of Boston, Washburn of Worcester, Hill of Boston, Sleeper of Cambridge, Babson of Gloucester, Cogswell of Leicester, Wilder of Lowell, and Wentworth of Boston.

Sent up for concurrence in so much as relates to a committee.

At 2.25, adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 20, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, it was voted that when the House adjourns it be to meet to-morrow at 3 o'clock, P. M. Adjournment.

Message from the Governor.

A communication was received from His Excellency the Governor, in response to an order of the House, relative to action taken under chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1876, concerning proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. B. & A. R. R.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Merritt of Ashburnham, petition of W. D. Herrick and 43 others for woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petitions of Hiram Webster and 29 others, George C. Neal and 28 others, C. D. Sherwood and 50 others, and E. B. Hayes and 42 others; by Mr. Nash of Abington, petitions of Merritt Nash and 12 others, D. B. Fletcher and 26 others, and J. E. Welch Loan and building associations.

and 71 others; and by Mr. Kelley of Cambridge, petition of C. R. Ford and 49 others,—severally in aid of the petition of Josiah Quincy and others, for a law authorizing loan and building associations. Severally referred to the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Committee on Taxation.

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxation be allowed an extension of time, until April 2d next, within which to report upon the matters referred to it.

Papers from the Senate.

Attendance of officers at courts.

The House Bill relating to the employment and compensation of officers in attendance upon the superior court in the county of Suffolk came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with two amendments, in the first of which the House non-concurred; concurring in the second.

Hopkinton water supply.

A Bill to supply the town of Hopkinton with water (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Ex-Gov. Washburn's funeral.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be added to the joint special committee heretofore appointed to attend the funeral of the late Hon. Emory Washburn.

Reports accepted by the Senate:

Smelts.

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of citizens of Milton and Boston in regard to taking smelts;

Liberty Hall Association.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Israel F. Parsons and others for incorporation as the Liberty Hall Association; and

Surgeon-General.

Of the committee on Military Affairs, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Surgeon-General;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the Stoughton Street Baptist Church in

Boston to mortgage its property and to confirm the doings of the North Baptist Society in Dorchester;

To authorize the city of Taunton to construct a bridge across Taunton Great River;

Relating to the civil terms of the police court of Haverhill;

To amend chapter 110 of the Acts of the year 1874, relating to the preservation of lobsters;

To authorize the city of Taunton to issue additional water scrip, and to limit the amount thereof;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To authorize the town of Concord to raise additional funds to extend and complete its water works (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves: Resolves passed.

In favor of Maria J. Crosby;

In favor of Patrick O'Riordan of Boston;

In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To furnish certain books, documents and standard weights, measures and balances to the town of Buckland (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill (on leave) concerning vagrants, and recommending its reference to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule, the bill referred as recommended, and sent up for concurrence. Vagrants.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve to authorize the purchase of certain maps prepared by A. W. Hoyt, showing railroad routes to the Hoosac Tunnel, ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the resolve. Maps Hoosac Tunnel.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the committee on P. Mihan.

Claims, on a petition (recommitted), a Resolve in favor of Patrick Mihan.

J. Burke. By Mr. Swain of Nantucket, from the same committee, on a petition, Resolves in favor of James Burke of Turner's Falls.

P. Mackey. By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Philip Mackey.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Partitions and sales of real estate. By Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill (on leave) relating to partitions and sales of real estate by order of the probate courts ought to pass.

W. R. Fish. By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of William R. Fish ought to pass.

State Primary School. By Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the State Primary School at Monson ought to pass.

J. Parks. By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Jane Parks ought to pass; and

Police court, Newburyport. That the Bill to establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Newburyport ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Boards of health. By Mr. Hastings of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, that the Bill (on leave) relating to boards of health in the several cities of the Commonwealth ought to pass in a new draft.

Guardians by mothers. By Mr. Fairbank of Oakham, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill to authorize mothers to appoint by will guardians of their minor children.

Taxation of insurance companies. By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, on the Tax Commissioner's Report, in part, a Bill in addition to chapter 141 of the Acts of the year 1873, entitled an Act in relation to the taxation of insurance companies.

Railroad strikes. By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the committee on Railroads, on a special report of the Railroad Commissioners, and two orders of February 14th, a Bill to prevent the obstruction of business of certain public

corporations. Messrs. Osgood of Salem and Hawkes of Lynn, a minority of the committee, dissented, and recommended the passage of a different bill with a similar title.

By Mr. Lovell of Worcester, from the committee on County Estimates, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the treasurer of Worcester County to pay Benjamin D. Dwinnell for service and losses connected with the burning of Fitchburg Jail; and a — B.D.Dwinnell—Fitchburg Jail.

Bill authorizing the treasurer of Worcester County to pay William O. Brown for services and losses connected with the burning of Fitchburg Jail. — W. O. Brown—Fitchburg Jail.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw:

By Mr. Hill of Boston, on the petition of P. P. Parkhurst and others for protection of the Old Village Burying-ground in Milford; and — Milford burial-ground.

On the petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the city council to create boards of commissioners for the transaction of municipal business. — Boston commissions.

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate:

By Mr. Hill of Boston, on an order relative to amending an Act of 1874, concerning the gaining of settlements by women. — Women's settlements.

On an order relative to codifying the criminal law of the Commonwealth, and simplifying its criminal procedure; and — Criminal laws.

On an order relative to recovery of interest on common counts. — Common counts.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, on an order relative to enabling the city council of Boston to regulate the salaries of its officers. — Boston—salaries.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, on an order relative to decrees *nisi* upon applications for divorce under chapter 404 of the Acts of 1870; — Divorce.

On an order relative to amending the laws governing the sinking funds of the city of Boston; and — Boston—sinking funds.

On an order relative to amending chapter 209 of the Acts of 1875, relating to municipal indebtedness. — Municipal indebtedness.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, on an order relative to amending chapter 124 of the General Statutes, concerning poor debtors; and — Poor debtors.

On an order relative to returns of marriages to clerks of cities and towns. — Returns of marriages.

Decrees of probate courts.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to enabling judges of probate to enforce specific performance of their decrees.

Old South.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the same, for the reason "that the Bill contains important provisions which are not within a fair construction of the petition, and are also new matter, introduced after the time limited by the 20th joint rule."

Employment of children.

By Mr. Laws of Brockton, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to employment of children in manufacturing establishments.

Sanderson Academy.

By Mr. Russell of Lowell, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Ashfield for a transfer of the charter of the Sanderson Academy and School Fund.

Analyses of liquors.

By Mr. Patch of Lynn, from the committee on the Liquor Law, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to a record of analyses of liquors by the State Assayer.

Liquor dealers' bonds.

By Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the putting in suit of liquor dealers' bonds.

Closing of liquor shops.

By Mr. Bowen of Leominster, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Andrew Johnson and others for a law requiring the closing of liquor shops at certain hours, etc.

Boston and a route West.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John W. Ayres that the city of Boston may be allowed to aid in the construction of a railroad to the West via the Hoosac Tunnel.

C. C. Esty.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of C. C. Esty for payment of insurance on superintendent's house in the State Arsenal grounds at Framingham.

Report of Labor Bureau.

By Mr. Mahony of Boston, from the committee on Printing, that the order relative to printing extra copies of the eighth annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ought to be adopted in the following form:—

Ordered, That there be printed two thousand copies of the eighth annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, one thousand of which shall be for the use of the Legislature, and one thousand for the use of said Bureau.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Patch of Lynn, the Bill to incorporate the town of North Adams was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering to a third reading. North Adams.

Orders of the Day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate: Orders of the day.

On an order relative to the recording of leases;

On an order relative to preventing fraud at elections; and

On an order relative to proceedings for declaring the nullity of void marriages;

Were severally accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Truro for an Act establishing the line between Truro and Provincetown;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank for power to hold additional real estate;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Daniel Simmons and others for leave to locate the Blackstone Savings Bank in the town of Milford, and a petition in aid of the same;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Foster King for compensation for damages on account of reconstruction of Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Salem for legislation to prevent the ingress of alewives into Wenham Lake;

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Inspectors of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater;

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton;

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fall River Railroad Company for leave to issue preferred stock;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 372 of the Acts of 1874, in relation to bridges; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to insolvent railroad corporations;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to fixing the rate of interest which savings banks may receive on mortgages;

Of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the prevention of the pollution of streams;

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the compensation of members of school committees;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to introducing Bulfinch's Mythology into public schools;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Gorham D. Williams and others for consolidation of the Deerfield Academy and the Deerfield Academy and Dickinson High School, and a remonstrance against the same; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the memorial of William Watson, commissioner to the Vienna exhibition of 1873;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Fall River to lay out and construct a way, known as Buffinton Street, through a private burial-ground;

To authorize the construction of bridges over Bourne's Pond River, Green's Pond River, and Great Pond River, in the town of Falmouth;

Amending an Act to protect the shores and beaches in Scituate;

To authorize the building of a workshop at the jail of the county of Berkshire;

To authorize the use of steam as a motive power upon

branches of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation in the city of Lowell;

Authorizing the use of sidearms by the Veteran Artillery Association of Amesbury and Salisbury;

To dissolve the Weymouth Fire District, and for other purposes;

To amend chapter 204 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning the militia;

To authorize the Hingham Wharf and Land Company, in the town of Hingham, to construct their dam so as to exclude the tide from the basin within the dam;

To authorize the town of Hingham to build and maintain a road and dam across Broad Cove in said town, and to exclude the tide therefrom;

To amend chapter 103 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning the taking of fish in North River in the county of Plymouth;

To amend section 1 of chapter 234 of the Acts of the year 1847, relating to regulations concerning Boston Harbor;

Concerning the amount of capital stock of street railway corporations in certain cases;

To amend an Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (amended on motion of Mr. Thomas of Brookline); and

To confirm the appointment of the clerk of the First District Court of Plymouth; and

Resolves:

Providing for the printing of the new catalogue of the state library;

In favor of Lewis Gaul; and

In relation to fencing railroads;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To incorporate the Montgomery Guard Association of the city of Boston (amended on motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston); and

In relation to qualification of voters (the pending amendment, moved by Mr. Bird of Walpole, being lost);

Were further considered, severally ordered to a third reading; the latter by a vote of 108 yeas to 65 nays, as follows; the yeas and nays being ordered on request of Mr. Read of Lowell:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Atherton, Samuel.
Ayer, Edwin.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cogswell, John D.
Cole, John L.
Cook, John H.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Huse, Caleb B.

Messrs. Johnson, George W.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lovell, John D.
Low, Francis.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Melcher, George B.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perry, Baxter E.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thurston, Charles F.
Torrey, Merritt.

Messrs. Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Messrs. Whitney, Edward.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wing, Daniel.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.

NAYS.

Messrs. Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barton, Henry A.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cobb, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Marchant, William.
Messrs. Mellen, James H.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merritt, Simeon.
Murphy, James T.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Peters, William C.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Read, William A.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Warren, Alonzo.
Watts, William.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 108; nays, 65.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Anglers' Association was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence; the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read: "Bill to change the name and purpose of the Massachusetts Anglers' Association."

The Bill to authorize the Society of the Friars Minor of the Order of St. Francis, of New York, to hold real estate in this Commonwealth was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the corporators of the Massachusetts Family Bank for amendment of charter was considered. Mr. Bird of Walpole moved to amend by substituting a Bill to amend the charter of the Massachusetts Family Bank; and on his further motion, the further consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow, and the bill offered as a substitute was ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the crossing of highways by railroads at grade, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield.

The Bill to amend chapter 56 of the Acts of the year 1836, relative to the alewife fishery in the town of Wellfleet was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Fisheries.

The Bill relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate was considered, the question being on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary. After debate the rejection was negatived, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

The Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds was read a third time and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Ingalls of Adams; the question being on its engrossment.

The Bill to establish a metropolitan police was further considered and rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary. Subsequently, Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park moved a reconsideration of the vote of rejection, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings and for other purposes was read, and on motion of Mr. Wilder of Lowell was laid on the table; the question being on ordering to a third reading.

At 5.15, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 1877.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Osgood of Salem in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, a member of the House.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, petitions of Benjamin Hatch and nine others, and E. A. Walker and 170 others, in aid of the petition of N. H. Whiting and others relative to Green Harbor. Severally referred to the committee on Harbors and sent up for concurrence. Green Harbor.

By Mr. Prescott of Boston, remonstrance of Blake Brothers & Co. and others against legislation authorizing the appropriation of money by the Commonwealth or the city of Boston for the purchase of the Old South Meeting-House. Placed on file. Old South.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Pay Roll make up the list of compensation to members for cost of travel. Cost of travel.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Egleston of Westfield, a Bill to amend chapter 322 of the Acts of 1873, entitled an Act to supply the town of Westfield with pure water. Read and referred under the 20th joint rule to the next General Court. Westfield water.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was laid over at the request of Mr. Hale of Boston :—

Ordered, That all joint committees be granted until April 2d in which to make final reports upon all matters referred to them. Joint committees.

The remonstrance of T. P. Hurlbut, in behalf of the town of Sudbury, against granting the petition of the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad Company for leave to issue preferred stock, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads. B. C. & F. R. R.

Committee on Hoosac Tunnel and T. & G. R. R.

The House order relative to extending the time for reports by the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad came down adopted in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment limiting the time to Tuesday, April 3d. The House concurred in the amendment.

Reports of Committees.

Accounts of administrators, etc.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the House should concur in the Senate amendment to the Bill requiring administrators, executors, guardians and trustees to render their accounts annually. Read, and considered under suspension of the rule, and the House took the action recommended.

Lenox Glass Company.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to dissolve the corporation of the Lenox Glass Company ought not to pass.

Executors, guardians, etc.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) relative to the powers of executors, guardians and administrators ought not to pass; and

Lynn charter.

That the Bill (recommitted) to amend certain Acts establishing the city of Lynn ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on rejection of the bill.

State paupers.

By Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, from the committee on Towns, on an order, a Bill relating to the support of state paupers.

Reports, statutes, etc., for towns.

By Mr. Snow of Barnstable, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to provide for the insurance of books, public documents and weights and measures in the custody of towns ought to pass in a new draft with the title "Bill in relation to certain reports and statutes, and standard weights, measures and balances furnished to towns."

Supervision of statistics.

By Mr. Kelley of Cambridge, from the committee on Labor and Decennial Census, on the Thirty-Fourth Annual Registration Report, and a portion of the Governor's address, a Resolve providing for the supervision of statistics.

Pollution of water-supply.

By Mr. Warren of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on an order, a Resolve providing for a commission to examine into the pollution of sources of water-supply.

State normal schools.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Edu-

cation, on the report of the State Board of Education, in part, a Resolve in favor of the state normal schools at Framingham, Salem and Westfield.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Companies A and D, of the First Battalion of Cavalry, M. V. M. Companies A and D, First Cavalry.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to the proof of signatures ought to pass with an amendment; Mr. Goulding of Worcester, of the committee, dissenting. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. Signatures.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on a petition and an order, a Bill relating to the registration of voters. Registration of voters.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Sherborn to appropriate money in aid of Sawin Academy. Sherborn—Sawin Academy.

By Mr. Hillis of Maynard, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill relative to sales of real estate by executors, administrators, guardians and trustees. Sales of real estate by executors, etc.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to enable judges of the probate court to accept and approve a new bond when the sureties or the penal sum of the original bond are insufficient. Probate bonds.

By Mr. Bates of Cohasset, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill to prohibit the seining of fish in Watuppa Pond in Fall River and Westport. Watuppa Pond.

By Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) for the protection of fisheries in Massachusetts Bay ought to pass in a new draft entitled "Bill to amend chapter 50 of the Acts of the year 1856, in relation to construction of fish-weirs." Fish-weirs.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Winn of Buckland, from the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Adolph Merz for compensation for land taken by Troy and Greenfield Railroad. A. Merz.

On the petition of James Newton for damages for lands taken by the State in the construction of Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. James Newton

H. J. Davis.

On the petition of Henry J. Davis for reimbursement for land taken in reconstructing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

M. B. Coombs and J. M. Munson.

On the petition of Mary B. Coombs and James M. Munson, for reimbursement for land taken in reconstructing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and

Chas. R. Lowell, S. C. Rice and John Russell.

On the petition of Charles R. Lowell, Sarah C. Rice and John Russell for payment for lands taken in the re-location of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Selectmen.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the protection of selectmen against the consequences of mistakes in registration, etc.

Edward Farrell.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, recommending the acceptance of the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Farrell for reimbursement of money paid as surety for the appearance of a prisoner in court.

Insane prisoners.

By Mr. Newton of Southborough, from the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the removal of insane persons from prisons to asylums.

Sherborn and Framingham.

By Mr. Cogswell of Leicester, from the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Commissioners of Prisons for annexation of a part of Sherborn to Framingham.

Plymouth ponds.

By Mr. Morse of Somerville, from the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen and others of Plymouth for exemption of certain ponds from the operation of the law relative to the cultivation of useful fishes.

Purity of streams.

By Mr. Wells of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward H. Lathrop and others for legislation to preserve the purity of streams.

Kingston.

By Mr. Ellis of Ashland, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Gray and others that the town of Kingston may be authorized to take a supply of water.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolutions.

Emory Washburn.

Mr. Hill of Boston, from the joint special committee appointed to attend the funeral of the late Hon. Emory Washburn, presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, after remarks

in eulogy of the deceased by Messrs. Hill, Long, Hale, Washburn, Cogswell of Leicester, Morse of Somerville, Brackett, Dunham, Hannum, Kelley, Fuller, Bird of Walpole, Thomas, and McCafferty:—

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF THE HON. EMORY WASHBURN.

Resolved, That the Legislature of Massachusetts expresses its deep sorrow at the death of the Hon. Emory Washburn, the senior member of the House of Representatives and formerly governor of the Commonwealth. By his death the Commonwealth has lost a respected and beloved citizen and an able and honored public servant; one whose services have extended over a period of more than half a century, and whose public spirit, generous enthusiasm, and untiring industry have enabled him to accomplish an amount and variety of labor such as it seldom is the fortune of one man to perform. In each of the departments of government, as instructor and commentator on jurisprudence, in historical investigation, and in active coöperation with all religious and philanthropic efforts, he has made the public his debtor, and by an unsullied integrity, a faithful devotion to every duty, and a careful employment and improvement of the powers and opportunities given him, he set an example which all may emulate.

Resolved, That we recall, with affectionate remembrance, the cheerful and cordial manners, the warm heart, and eminently social disposition which endeared him to his friends and associates in whatever circle he moved, and which will cause his loss to be mourned by all who knew him, solaced only by the memory of the public services and private virtues left as a rich legacy to the Commonwealth and to posterity.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Mr. Washburn as a slight token of our deep sympathy with them in their great affliction.

Sent up for concurrence.

At 4.45, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 22, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, it was voted that when the House adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next at 1.30 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Prescott of Boston presented the remonstrance of James L. Little & Co. and others against legislation allowing appropriations of money by the State or the city of Boston for the preservation of the Old South Meeting-house. Placed on file.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Westborough Reform School.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, in the hearing on the order of the Legislature relative to discipline at the Westborough Reform School, be authorized to employ the services of a phonographer.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fairbank of Oakham,—

Hour of meeting.

Ordered, That during the week ending Saturday, March 31st, the sessions of the House commence at half-past one o'clock in the afternoon, except on Saturday.

The following order, offered by the same gentleman, was laid over on request of Mr. Hale of Boston:—

Ibid.

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday, April 3d, the House, until otherwise ordered, shall meet at eleven o'clock, A. M., except on Mondays and Saturdays; and whenever the House shall be in session at one o'clock, P. M., except on Saturdays, the Speaker shall declare a recess until two o'clock.

Reports of joint committees.

The Senate order relative to extending the time for reports of joint committees, laid over yesterday, was adopted in concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Greenfield Fire District.

By Mr. Snow of Greenfield, a Bill to establish the boundaries of Fire District No. 1, in the town of Greenfield. Read and referred under the 20th joint rule to the next General Court.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to amend certain Acts concerning the militia (reported on petitions of D. H. Follett and Thomas J. Edmands and others, and an order relative to appointment of special service men), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Militia.

A Bill in relation to costs in cases of partition of lands, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Partition of lands.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To confirm certain acts done by James W. Stockwell as a justice of the peace;

To authorize the First Congregational Society in Mansfield to sell its meeting-house;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To authorize the Society of the Friars Minor of the Order of St. Francis, of New York, to hold real estate in this Commonwealth (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves: Resolves passed.

Relating to certain records of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Massachusetts Bay, in the possession of the Boston Athenæum;

In favor of Richard F. Andrews;

In favor of John Sullivan of Medford;

In favor of Margaret J. Lincoln of Somerville;

In favor of Edgar E. Burritt of Sandwich;

In favor of Benjamin Huddell of Salem;

For the purpose of assisting discharged female prisoners; and

For printing advance sheets of the report of a board of military officers;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Fairbank of Oakham, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill (recommitted) to fix Norfolk County probate courts.

the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Norfolk ought to pass.

Mutual Boiler Insurance Company.

By Mr. Ranlett of Newton, from the committee on Insurance, that the Bill (recommitted) to incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston ought to pass; Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park, of the committee, dissenting.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question in each case being on ordering to a third reading.

Compensation of district court justices.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, that the Bill (on leave) to regulate the compensation of special justices of district courts ought not to pass.

P. Mihan.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Patrick Mihan ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question in each case being on rejection.

State archives.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee on Education, on petitions, a Resolve relating to the indexing of the state archives.

Second District Court of Bristol.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, that the Bill (on leave) to establish the salary of the justice of the Second District Court of Bristol ought to pass in a new draft; Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, of the committee, dissenting.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

P. Mackey.

By Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Philip Mackey ought to pass with an amendment.

J. Burke.

By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, from the same committee, that the Resolves in favor of James Burke of Turner's Falls ought to pass with an amendment.

Reports, etc., for towns.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the same committee, that the Bill in relation to certain reports and statutes, and standard weights, measures and balances furnished to towns, ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

Framingham and Lowell R. R.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Fram-

ingham and Lowell Railroad Company to issue bonds and mortgage its road.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on Labor and the Decennial Census, on petition of Josiah Quincy, and petitions in aid of the same, a Bill concerning coöperative saving fund and loan associations. Loan and building associations.

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on petitions, a Bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to make certain improvements in Boston Harbor, and for other purposes; and Boston Land Company.

On a petition, a Resolve in relation to the harbor line on the northerly side of Charles River. Charles River harbor line.

By Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Chatham to construct a bridge across Oyster Pond River. Oyster Pond River.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a Resolve in favor of disabled soldiers. Disabled soldiers.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to employment of incompetent engineers by railroads. Incompetent engineers.

By Mr. Babson of Boston, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on an order relative to the operation of the license law in the municipal courts of Boston and in the superior court for Suffolk County, with certain information on the subject. (See House Doc. No. 227.) License law in Boston.

By Mr. Martin of Southbridge, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Lovejoy and others relative to a bridge across Merrimack River from Bradford to Haverhill, and a petition in aid of, and a remonstrance against, the same. Merrimack River bridge.

By Mr. Marchant of Rockport, from the committee on Harbors, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to harbors. Harbors.

By Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the Boston Land Company for leave to exclude tide-water from certain marsh lands, and petitions in aid of the same. Boston Land Company.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, leave to withdraw, on the memorial of the town of Barnstable relative to the revision of the judicial system. Barnstable.

Berkshire, Hampshire and Norfolk courts.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to abolishing the terms of the superior court for criminal business in Berkshire, Hampshire and Norfolk counties.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Taken from the Table.

Athol Water Company.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Boston, the Bill to incorporate the Athol Water Company was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on its engrossment.

B. & A. R. R.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the communication from His Excellency the Governor, relative to the action taken under chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1876, concerning proceedings against certain officials of the Boston and Albany Railroad, was taken from the table and placed on file.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the reports of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate:

Boston sinking funds.

On an order relative to amending the laws governing the sinking funds of the city of Boston; and

Municipal indebtedness.

On an order relative to amending chapter 209 of the Acts of 1875, relating to municipal indebtedness;

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee.

Boston commissions.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the city council to create boards of commissioners for the transaction of municipal business, was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

C. C. Esty.

On motion of Mr. Flagg of Millbury, the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of C. C. Esty for payment of insurance on superintendent's house in the State Arsenal grounds at Framingham was discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee.

A. W. Hoyt—Tunnel maps.

On motion of Mr. Winn of Buckland, the Resolve to authorize the purchase of certain maps prepared by A. W. Hoyt, showing railroad routes to Hoosac Tunnel, was discharged from the orders of the day, and its consideration postponed until Tuesday next, the question being on its rejection.

On motion of Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, the Bill to prevent the obstruction of business of certain public corporations, was discharged from the orders of the day, read a second time, and its further consideration postponed until Tuesday next, on motion of the same gentleman. Strikes.

On motion of Mr. Ingalls of Adams, the Bill to incorporate the town of North Adams was discharged from the orders of the day, and its consideration postponed until Tuesday next, the question being on ordering to a third reading. North Adams.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, recommending the acceptance of the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Farrell for reimbursement of money paid as surety for the appearance of a prisoner in court was accepted; the report of the committee on Claims was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of P. P. Parkhurst and others for protection of the Old Village Burying-ground in Milford; and

Reports of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate:

On an order relative to amending an Act of 1874, concerning the gaining of settlements by women;

On an order relative to codifying the criminal law of the Commonwealth, and simplifying its criminal procedure;

On an order relative to amending chapter 124 of the General Statutes, concerning poor debtors;

On an order relative to returns of marriages to clerks of cities and towns;

On an order relative to recovery of interest on common counts;

On an order relative to enabling the city council of Boston to regulate the salaries of its officers; and

On an order relative to decrees *nisi* upon applications for divorce under chapter 404 of the Acts of 1870; and the

Report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to enabling judges of probate to enforce specific performance of their decrees;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the same, was accepted, and the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston.

Reports:

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the removal of insane persons from prisons to asylums;

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Commissioners of Prisons for annexation of a part of Sherborn to Framingham;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen and others of Plymouth for exemption of certain ponds from the operation of the law relative to the cultivation of useful fishes;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward H. Lathrop and others for legislation to preserve the purity of streams;

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to employment of children in manufacturing establishments;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Ashfield for a transfer of the charter of the Sanderson Academy and School Fund;

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the putting in suit of liquor dealers' bonds;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Andrew Johnson and others for a law requiring the closing of liquor shops at certain hours, etc.; and

Reports of the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw:

On the petition of John W. Ayres, that the city of Boston may be allowed to aid in the construction of a railroad to the West via the Hoosac Tunnel;

On the petition of Adolph Merz for compensation for land taken by Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

On the petition of James Newton for damages for lands taken by the State in the construction of Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

On the petition of Henry J. Davis for reimbursement for land taken in reconstructing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

On the petition of Mary B. Coombs and James M. Munson for reimbursement for land taken in reconstructing the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and

On the petition of Charles R. Lowell, Sarah C. Rice and John Russell for payment for lands taken in the re-location of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Liquor Law, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to a record of analyses of liquors by the State Assayer, was recommitted to the committee on motion of Mr. Babson of Boston.

The report of the committee on Printing, relative to printing extra copies of the eighth annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, recommending the adoption of an order, was accepted, and the order adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the protection of selectmen against the consequences of mistakes in registration, etc., was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Gray and others, that the town of Kingston may be authorized to take a supply of water, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Bradford of Duxbury.

Reports:

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of citizens of Milton and Boston in regard to taking smelts;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Israel F. Parsons and others for incorporation as the Liberty Hall Association; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the Surgeon-General;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To supply the town of Hopkinton with water;

Relating to partitions and sales of real estate by order of the probate courts;

To establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Newburyport;

In addition to chapter 141 of the Acts of the year 1873, entitled an Act in relation to the taxation of insurance companies;

Relating to boards of health in the several cities of the Commonwealth;

To authorize mothers to appoint by will guardians of their minor children;

Authorizing the treasurer of Worcester County to pay Benjamin D. Dwinnell for services and losses connected with the burning of Fitchburg Jail (amended on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole);

Authorizing the treasurer of Worcester County to pay William O. Brown for services and losses connected with the burning of Fitchburg Jail (amended on motions of Messrs. Heywood of Worcester and Bird of Walpole);

Relating to the proof of signatures (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary);

Authorizing the town of Sherborn to appropriate money in aid of Sawin Academy;

To amend chapter 50 of the Acts of the year 1856, in relation to construction of fish-weirs; and

To prohibit the seining of fish in Watuppa Pond in Fall River and Westport; and

Resolves:

In favor of William R. Fish;

In favor of the State Primary School at Monson; and

In favor of Jane Parks;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Fall River to lay out and construct a way, known as Buffinton Street, through a private burial-ground;

To authorize the construction of bridges over Bourne's Pond River, Green's Pond River, and Great Pond River, in the town of Falmouth (amended on motions of Messrs. Snow of Barnstable and Kimball of Revere);

Amending an Act to protect the shores and beaches in Scituate;

To authorize the building of a workshop at the jail of the county of Berkshire;

To authorize the use of steam as a motive power upon branches of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation in the city of Lowell;

Authorizing the wearing of sidearms by the Veteran Artillery Association of Amesbury and Salisbury;

To dissolve the Weymouth Fire District, and to authorize the sale of its property (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To amend chapter 103 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning the taking of fish in North River in the county of Plymouth;

To amend section 1 of chapter 234 of the Acts of the year 1847, establishing regulations concerning Boston Harbor;

Concerning the amount of capital stock of street railway corporations outside of cities;

To amend chapter 204 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning the militia, by temporarily adding one company of infantry (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To incorporate the Montgomery Guard Association of the city of Boston; and

In relation to qualification of voters (amended on motions of Messrs. Babson and Pillsbury of Boston and Dunham of Pittsfield, and the title amended on motion of the first-named gentleman to read "Bill requiring overseers of the poor to make certain returns"); and

Resolves:

Providing for the printing of the new catalogue of the state library;

In favor of Lewis Gaul; and

In relation to the fencing of railroads;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the Hingham Wharf and Land Company, in the town of Hingham, to construct their dam so as to exclude the tide from the basin within the dam;

To authorize the town of Hingham to build and maintain a road and dam across Broad Cove in said town, and to exclude the tide therefrom; and

To confirm the appointment of the clerk of the First District Court of Plymouth;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills:

To dissolve the corporation of the Lenox Glass Company;

To amend certain Acts establishing the city of Lynn; and

Relative to the powers of executors, guardians and administrators;

Were severally rejected, as recommended in each case by the committee on the Judiciary, and notice of the rejection of the first named was sent to the Senate.

The motion of Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill to establish a metropolitan police was considered. On request of Mr. Gerry, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the House refused to reconsider, 71 yeas to 134 nays, the vote being as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Anthony, Job K.
Babson, John J.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cole, John L.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Dewey, Justin.
Donald, William C.
Eddy, Curtis.
Gerry, Charles F.
Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hillis, John.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Laws, Alfred.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.

Messrs. Mann, Seth, 2d.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ray, James P.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Sanderson, George W.
Shaw, Josephus.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wheeler, John W.

Messrs. Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Messrs. Winslow, Isaac.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cone, George N.
Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Delano, Obed.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Flagg, George A.
Fox, James W.
Messrs. Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Glynn, Martin T.
Goulding, Frank P.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hill, Clement H.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Marchant, William.
Melcher, George B.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, James H.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Perry, Baxter E.

Messrs. Perry, John C.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Read, William A.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Roads, Samuel.
Robinson, William.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Snow, Newell.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Taylor, Oliver.

Messrs. Thayer, Edward F.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Train, William G.
Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Winn, Henry.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 71; nays, 134.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the corporators of the Massachusetts Family Bank for amendment of charter was considered; and the pending motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole to amend by substituting a Bill to amend the charter of the Massachusetts Family Bank was carried. The bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

The Bill relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate was read and considered. Pending an amendment moved by Mr. Allen of Boston, and the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston.

The Senate Bill to amend an Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was read a third time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary on motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 26, 1877.

Met according to adjournment at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. Washburn of Worcester presented the petition of the Trustees of the State Industrial School for Girls for an appropriation. Received under suspension of the 20th joint rule, and sent up for concurrence in such suspension. State Industrial School for Girls.

The order offered on Thursday by Mr. Fairbank of Oakham, relative to forenoon sessions of the House after April 3d, and laid over, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston. Hour of meeting.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, which were referred to the committee on Finance. Educational appropriations.

The House Bill relating to the employment and compensation of officers in attendance upon the superior court in the county of Suffolk, in a Senate amendment to which at [A] the House non-concurred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted, and appointed Messrs. Crane, White and Fitz Gerald on a committee of conference. The House concurred in the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Pillsbury of Boston, Pope of Somerville, and Hillis of Maynard were joined on its part. Attendance of officers on courts.

A Bill to revise and amend the charter of the city of Springfield, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Springfield charter.

Bills: Bills.

Relating to the returns from county and city prisons (reported on a part of the report of the Board of State Charities);

To authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to issue bonds (reported on a petition); and

To amend an Act entitled an Act to reduce the expense and increase the efficiency of the militia (introduced on leave);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports:

Delia Mahan.

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Delia Mahan for state bounty due her father, Patrick Mahan, deceased; and

Ward 22, Boston.

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for a division of ward 22 in said city;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Westborough to reimburse money contributed for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of Catherine A. Britt;

Granting county taxes;

In favor of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth; and

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

West's Beach.

By Mr. Sleeper of Cambridge, from the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of the West's Beach Corporation for amendment of its charter, and a petition in aid of, and a remonstrance against, the same. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Pollution of water-supply.

By Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve providing for a commission to examine into the pollution of sources of water-supply ought not to pass.

Companies A and D, Cavalry.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of companies A and D, of the First Battalion of Cavalry, M. V. M., ought not to pass.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) relating to the election of certain municipal officers ought not to pass. Municipal officers.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on rejection.

By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve providing for the supervision of statistics ought to pass. Supervision of statistics.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the state normal schools at Framingham, Salem and Westfield ought to pass with an amendment. Normal schools.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for a second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. Hastings of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on an order, a Bill concerning the sewage of the state hospital for the insane, in the town of Danvers. Danvers Hospital.

By Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on orders of date January 19 and February 23, and petitions for a prohibitory liquor law, a Bill concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Prohibitory law.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to prevent frauds and abuses in the practice of law, and the use of legal process. Attorneys-at-law.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bill (recommitted) to incorporate the trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the same, ought to pass in a new draft. Old South.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Wilder of Lowell, the Bill relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings, and for other purposes, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow; the question being on ordering it to a third reading. Factory inspectors.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the protection of selectmen against the consequences of mistakes in registration, etc., was taken from the table. The same gentleman moved to Selectmen.

amend by substituting a Bill in addition to an Act relating to elections; and on his further motion the further consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow, and the bill offered as a substitute ordered to be printed.

Discharged from the Orders.

Boston Land Company.

On motion of Mr. Patch of Lynn, the report of the committee on Harbors, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the Boston Land Company for leave to exclude tide-water from certain marsh lands, and petitions in aid of the same, was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Framingham and Lowell Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, the Bill to authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to issue bonds and mortgage its road was discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee on Railroads.

Loan and building associations.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the Bill concerning coöperative saving fund and loan associations was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Mutual Boiler Insurance Co.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, the Bill to incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to employment of incompetent engineers by railroads;

Of the committee on Harbors, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to harbors;

Of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, leave to withdraw, on the memorial of the town of Barnstable relative to the revision of the judicial system;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to abolishing the terms of the superior court for criminal business in Berkshire Hampshire, and Norfolk counties;

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, on an order relative to the operation of the license law in the municipal courts of Boston and in the superior court for Suffolk County; and

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Lovejoy and others, relative to a bridge across Merrimack River from Bradford to Haverhill, and a petition in aid of, and a remonstrance against, the same;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relating to the registration of voters (amended on motion of Mr. Wilder of Lowell);

To enable judges of the probate court to accept and approve a new bond when the sureties or the penal sum of the original bond are insufficient;

To authorize the Boston Land Company to make certain improvements in Boston Harbor, and for other purposes;

In relation to certain reports and statutes, and standard weights, measures and balances furnished to towns;

To authorize the town of Chatham to construct a bridge across Oyster Pond River; and

To amend the charter of the Massachusetts Family Bank; and

Resolves:

In relation to the harbor line on the northerly side of Charles River;

In favor of Philip Mackey (amended as recommended by committee on Finance); and

In favor of James Burke of Turner's Falls (also amended as recommended by committee on Finance);

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relating to partitions and sales of real estate by order of the probate courts;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Newburyport;

In addition to chapter 141 of the Acts of the year 1873, entitled an Act in relation to the taxation of insurance companies (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read "Bill authorizing appeals from decisions of the Tax Commissioner in relation to the taxation of insurance companies");

To authorize mothers to appoint by will guardians of their minor children;

Authorizing the treasurer of Worcester County to pay Benjamin D. Dwinnell for services and losses connected with the burning of Fitchburg Jail;

Authorizing the treasurer of Worcester County to pay William O. Brown for services connected with the burning of Fitchburg Jail;

Authorizing the town of Sherborn to appropriate money in aid of Sawin Academy;

To amend an Act in relation to construction of fish-weirs (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

To prohibit the seining of fish in Watuppa Pond in Fall River and Westport; and

Resolves:

In favor of William R. Fish;

In favor of the State Primary School at Monson; and

In favor of Jane Parks;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to supply the town of Hopkinton with water was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) to regulate the compensation of special justices of district courts was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Consideration of the Resolve in favor of Patrick Mihan was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Pope of Somerville.

The Bill relative to sales of real estate by executors, administrators, guardians and trustees was read, amended on motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport, and rejected.

The Resolve in favor of disabled soldiers was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole. A motion by Mr. Lee of Boston to amend by substituting the Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau, as reported by the committee on Military Affairs, was carried; and the resolve substituted was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading, under Rule 60.

The Bill to fix the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Norfolk was further considered. Pending its consideration, the orders of the day were laid on the table; and the House

At 5.45, adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 27, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Babson of Boston, petition of Buckminster Brown and 134 others for legislation regulating the practice of medicine and surgery. Referred to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Medicine and surgery.

By Mr. Hillis of Maynard, remonstrance of the selectmen of Maynard; by Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, remonstrance of Moses Ellis and others; by Mr. Sargent of Chelmsford, remonstrance of David Perham and 21 others; and by Mr. Wilde of Concord, remonstrance of James E. Billings and others,—severally against the issue of preferred stock by the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad. Severally referred to the committee on Railroads. B. C. & F. R. R.

The petition of the trustees of the State Industrial School for Girls for an appropriation to replace a building recently burned, considered under suspension of the 20th joint rule and sent up for concurrence in such suspension, came down concurred. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Industrial School for Girls.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to provide for the disposition of certain liquors heretofore seized under the laws, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Liquors seized.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of corporations at Turner's Falls for repeal of all Acts relative to a bridge at that place; and Turner's Falls bridge.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. K. Tolman and others for incorporation as the New England Commercial Travellers' Association, and petitions in aid of the same; Commercial travellers.

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To extend the time during which the city of Worcester is authorized to lay out a public park and to establish and maintain a reservoir;

Authorizing the trustees of the Anderson School of Natural History to reconvey their property, and dissolving said corporation;

In addition to an Act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and better preservation of life and property in Boston;

Relating to the interest of a husband in the real estate of his wife, on her death;

To authorize the county commissioners of Middlesex County to borrow money for certain purposes; and

To fix the fees and expenses chargeable in fire inquests;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Certificates of corporations.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, no legislation necessary on the Abstract of Certificates of Corporations for 1876.

Municipal indebtedness.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to amending chapter 209 of the Acts of 1875, relating to municipal indebtedness.

Flats.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to the sale of flats by the Commonwealth.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Eastern R. R. and Peabody.

By Mr. Wilder of Lowell, from the committee on Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the selectmen and others of Peabody, that the Eastern Railroad Company may be prohibited from obstructing a certain public square in said town. Read, and considered under suspension of the rule. Mr. Hawkes of Lynn moved to amend by substituting a Bill to prevent the obstruction of "the Square" in the town of Peabody; and

on his further motion further consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow, and the bill offered as a substitute was ordered to be printed.

Partition of lands.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in relation to costs in cases of partition of lands ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Institute of Technology.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to amend an Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Institute of Technology ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

Shade trees, etc.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) in addition to an Act entitled an Act to encourage the planting of shade trees, laying out, ornamenting and maintaining parks, cemeteries, and cemetery lots, and erecting and maintaining drinking fountains, ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a Bill to amend an Act relative to establishing "shade tree and cemetery funds" in savings banks.

Legislative expenses.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to amend chapter 186 of the Acts of the year 1875, in relation to auditing legislative expenses.

Assignment of counsel for inmates of reform schools.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, on the report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions on the disturbance at the Westborough Reform School, committed with instructions, a Bill to provide for the assignment of counsel and the attendance of certain witnesses in criminal trials of inmates of reform schools.

Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the committee on Woman Suffrage, on a petition of the town of Abington, and petitions in aid thereof, a Bill to secure to women the right to vote on municipal affairs in cities and towns, and to hold municipal offices.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Worcester—Registrars of voters.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to establish the board of registrars of voters of the city of Worcester, and to regulate the preparation and revision of the voting lists in said city, ought to pass with amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

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Motion to Reconsider.

Sales of real estate by executors, etc.

A motion of Mr. Allen of Boston to reconsider the rejection of the Bill relative to sales of real estate by executors, administrators, guardians and trustees was lost.

Taken from the Table.

Mutual Boiler Insurance Co.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the Bill to incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Prohibitory law.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, the Bill concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was discharged from the orders of the day, and laid on the table.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Harbors, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of the West's Beach Corporation for amendment of its charter, and a petition in aid of, and a remonstrance against, the same, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Delia Mahan for state bounty due her father, Patrick Mahan, deceased; and

Of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for a division of Ward 22 in said city;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To amend certain Acts concerning the militia;

To prevent frauds and abuses in the practice of law and the use of legal process;

To incorporate the trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the same;

Relating to the returns from county and city prisons;

To authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to issue bonds; and

To amend an Act entitled an Act to reduce the expense and increase the efficiency of the militia; and the

Resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relating to the proof of signatures;

In relation to certain reports and statutes, and standard weights, measures and balances furnished to towns; and

To authorize the town of Chatham to construct a bridge across Oyster Pond River; and

Resolves:

In favor of Philip Mackey; and

In favor of James Burke, of Turner's Falls;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to fix the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Norfolk was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve to authorize the purchase of certain maps prepared by A. W. Hoyt, showing railroad routes to Hoosac Tunnel, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Finance.

The Bill to prevent the obstruction of business of certain public corporations was further considered; a motion by Mr. Osgood of Salem to amend by substituting the bill recommended by a minority of the committee was carried, and the bill as amended was then indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. Train of Boston.

The Bill to incorporate the town of North Adams was further considered. Pending an amendment moved by Mr. Kimball of Enfield, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, the House

At 5.40, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 28, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Framingham and Lowell Railroad.

By Mr. Hillis of Maynard, remonstrance of the selectmen of Maynard; and by Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, remonstrance of G. B. Brown and others,—severally against granting the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company leave to mortgage its road. Referred to the committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester,—

Westborough Reform School.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to print the evidence and arguments submitted to them in the hearing under the order of the Legislature, relating to discipline at the Westborough Reform School.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mackintosh of Needham,—

Game.

Ordered, That the Bill for the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game, be reprinted as a House document.

Papers from the Senate.

B. C. & F. R. R.

The remonstrances of J. S. Hunt and 16 others, and S. G. Parker and others, against the issue of preferred stock by the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad Company, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads.

Rights of redemption.

A Bill in relation to taking and selling rights of redemption on execution, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

Clerks of courts.

Of the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, on an order relative to compensation of clerks of courts in the several counties;

Cape Cod Canal.

Of the committee on Harbors, on an order relative to the Cape Cod Canal, asking leave to visit the premises and report to the next General Court; and

Board of Health.

Of the committee on Printing, on an order relative to heliotyping certain maps and plans to accompany the Eighth Annual Report of the State Board of Health, recommending the adoption of the following order:—

Ordered, That the following maps and plans be helio-

typed to accompany the Eighth Annual Report of the State Board of Health: Map showing the location of the prevalence of diphtheria in the city of Lynn; general map of the city of Lynn; map of Nashua Basin; map of Worcester sewage farm; map illustrating house drainage; fifteen plates illustrating growth of school children; six plates of insane asylums; and a few small general plates;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolves: Resolves.

In favor of the town of Stockbridge;
In favor of the town of Melrose;
In favor of the city of Worcester;
In favor of the town of Shelburne;
In favor of the town of Hudson;
In favor of the city of Boston;
In favor of the town of Ayer;
In favor of the town of Deerfield;
In favor of the town of Middleborough;
In favor of the town of Pittsfield;
In favor of the town of Greenfield;
In favor of the city of Cambridge;
(Severally reported on petitions); and a

Bill making appropriations for the expenses of the Reformatory Prison for Women (reported on a portion of the Governor's address); Women's prison.

Passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Bills: Bills.

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of New Bedford with pure water;

To authorize the city of Newton to lay and maintain a main drain in Boston;

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water;

To amend an Act to supply the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water; and

To regulate the taking of fish in Monataquot River in the town of Braintree; and a

Resolve concerning the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company; Duxbury and Cohasset R. R.

(Severally reported on petitions); also a

Bill relating to the sealing of weights and measures; (reported on a bill on leave); Weights and measures.

Passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Woman suffrage.

A Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women, reported on petitions, and agreed to by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To appropriate the income of the compensation fund for Boston Harbor;

Relating to the recording of liens on buildings and lands;

Fixing the times and places of holding sessions of the probate court in the county of Barnstable;

Making an appropriation for the re-survey of the wharf lines of Boston Upper Harbor;

To change the name and purpose of the Massachusetts Anglers' Association;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To authorize the town of Hingham to build and maintain a road and dam across Broad Cove in said town, and to exclude the tide therefrom;

To confirm the appointment of the clerk of the First District Court of Plymouth; and

To authorize the Hingham Wharf and Land Company, in the town of Hingham, to construct their dam so as to exclude the tide from the basin within the dam;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve to provide for the construction and equipment of a magazine at the state camp grounds in the town of Framingham (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

C. P. Brooks.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Charles P. Brooks. Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Educational appropriations.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the committee on

Finance, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes, that the House should concur in an amendment marked [A], and in an amendment marked [B], with an amendment.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, reference to the next General Court, on a petition of the mayor of Boston, an order, and a bill on leave, all relative to the regulation of the practice of medicine and pharmacy. Medicine and pharmacy.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of S. A. Phillips for increase of his salary as clerk of the First District Court of Southern Middlesex. S. A. Phillips.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. O. Pearse and others, that the town of Natick may be disannexed from the judicial district in which it is now included. Natick.

By Mr. Barker of Quincy, from the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to reducing the tax on deposits in savings banks. Savings banks deposits.

By Mr. Thayer of Blackstone, from the committee on Federal Relations, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of W. B. Earle for legislation looking to certain amendments of the Constitution of the United States. United States Constitution.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on an order relative to compensation to riparian owners for tide-water displaced by the filling of flats, recommending the adoption of the following order:— Flats.

Ordered, That the Harbor Commissioners consider and report to the next Legislature whether any change, and what, is necessary in the law relating to compensation for tide-water displaced.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Samuel Hillman of North Adams ought to pass with an amendment. S. Hillman.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, that the Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the Second District Court of Bristol ought to pass. Second District Court, Bristol.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Motions to Reconsider.

Tunnel route maps.

Mr. Sleeper of Malden moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House rejected the Resolve to authorize the purchase of certain maps prepared by A. W. Hoyt, showing railroad routes to the Hoosac Tunnel; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on his further motion.

Strikes.

A motion by Mr. Stone of Newburyport, to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday indefinitely postponed the Bill to prevent the obstruction of business of certain public corporations, was lost by a vote of 75 to 112.

Taken from the Table.

A. F. Howland.

On motion of Mr. Pope of Somerville, the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. Frank Howland for arrears of pension, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Grade crossings.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the crossing of highways by railroads at grade, was taken up and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Explosive compounds.

On motion of Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, the Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds was taken up and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

Morning sessions.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the order offered by Mr. Fairbank of Oakham, relative to 11 o'clock sessions of the House after Tuesday, April 3d, was taken up, amended on motion of Mr. Hill by making the date of beginning such sessions Thursday, April 5th, and as amended was adopted.

Rule 84.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the order offered by him relative to amendment of House rule 84, was taken up. The same gentleman moved to amend by substituting a different order, as follows, which motion was carried, and the order as amended was adopted:—

Ordered, That House rule 84 be amended by adding at the end thereof the following words: "Where the measure under consideration has been referred to the committee on Finance, under House rule 42, the member originally reporting it shall be considered in charge, except where the

report of the committee on Finance is substantially different from that referred to them, in which case the member originally reporting the measure, and the member of the Finance committee reporting thereon, shall each be allowed to speak five minutes, the latter to have the close."

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Bill (on leave) relating to the election of certain municipal officers was discharged from the orders of the day, and laid on the table, the question being on its rejection. Municipal officers.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to the sale of flats by the Commonwealth; and

Of the committee on Finance, no legislation necessary, on the Abstract of Certificates of Corporations for 1876;

Were severally accepted.

Reports:

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. K. Tolman and others, for incorporation as the New England Commercial Travellers' Association, and petitions in aid of the same; and

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of corporations at Turner's Falls for repeal of all Acts relative to a bridge at that place;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

Concerning the sewage of the State Hospital for the Insane in the town of Danvers;

To amend an Act relative to establishing "shade tree and cemetery funds" in savings banks;

To provide for the assignment of counsel and the attendance of certain witnesses in criminal trials of inmates of reform schools; and

In relation to costs in cases of partition of lands; and

Resolves:

Providing for the supervision of statistics; and

In favor of the state normal schools at Framingham, Salem and Westfield (the amendment recommended by the committee on Finance being lost);

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relating to boards of health in the several cities of the Commonwealth; and

To enable judges of the probate court, without being petitioned therefor, to require a new bond when the sureties or the penal sum of the original bond are insufficient (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Resolves:

In relation to the harbor line on the northerly side of Charles River; and

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To amend certain Acts concerning the militia;

Relating to the returns from county and city prisons; and

To amend an Act entitled an Act to reduce the expense and increase the efficiency of the militia;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills:

To incorporate the Athol Water Company (amended on motion of Mr. Warren of Boston); and

To amend an Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

Were further considered and severally passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the town of North Adams was further considered. After debate, the pending amendment moved by Mr. Kimball of Enfield was lost, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of Patrick Mihan was considered; its rejection was negatived, and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the protection of selectmen against the consequences of mistakes in registration, etc., was considered; the pending motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield to amend by substituting a Bill in addition to an Act relating to elections, was carried; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

The Resolve in favor of companies A and D of the First Battalion of Cavalry, M. V. M., was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport, the question being on its rejection.

The Resolve providing for a commission to examine into the pollution of sources of water supply was considered, its rejection was negatived, and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

At 5.30, adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 29, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

A communication was received from the Bennington Battle Monument Association, inviting the House of Representatives to attend the centennial celebration of the battle of Bennington. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations, and sent up for concurrence. Battle of Bennington.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, remonstrance of C. W. Hodges and others against granting authority to the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad to issue preferred stock. B. C. & F. R. R.

By Mr. Sargent of Chelmsford, remonstrance of George A. Parkhurst and others against granting the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company leave to mortgage its road. Framingham and Lowell Railroad.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Stickney of Groveland, petition of W. A. Harnden and others for just and equal taxation. Referred to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation. Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Flagg of Millbury,—

Ordered, That the committee on Claims be allowed until April 7th in which to make reports upon matters now before them. Committee on Claims.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Framingham and Lowell Railroad.

The remonstrance of William Mason and others against granting the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company leave to mortgage its road was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads.

Clerks and Registers.

A statement of the returns of clerks of courts in response to an order of February 20th, and a statement of returns of registers of deeds in response to an order of February 28th, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System.

Soldiers' Home.

A petition of Horace Binney Sargent and others for incorporation as the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, received in the Senate under suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down for concurrence in such suspension; and the House concurred.

Bennington.

A communication in regard to the centennial celebration of the battle of Bennington; and the

Memorial statues.

Report of the commissioners for the erection of memorial statues in the National Capitol;

Were severally read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Federal Relations.

Embezzlement by trustees, etc.

The House Bill to punish embezzlements by trustees, guardians, executors and administrators came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, which was referred under the rule to the committee on the Judiciary.

E. Adams.

A Bill providing for submitting the claim of Edwin Adams against the Commonwealth to arbitration, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

G. E. Lincoln.

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Robert A. Vinal and others for state aid for George E. Lincoln;

E. Huston.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Huston for compensation for unjust imprisonment; and

Prison districts.

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the Commissioners on Prisons relative to dividing the Commonwealth into prison districts;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

Making additional appropriations for certain expenditures authorized in 1876 and previous years;

To incorporate the Onset Bay Grove Association;

Giving stable-keepers a lien upon horses for their charges;

Relating to the dissolution of certain attachments by trustee process;

For the preservation and protection of birds, birds' eggs, deer and game;

In addition to an Act to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes; and

To authorize the city of Newton to widen, deepen and straighten the channel of Cheese Cake Brook, and to drain the lands adjacent thereto;

(Which severally originated the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of David L. Withington for reimbursement of money expended by him on property belonging to the Commonwealth. D. L. Withington.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to giving police courts jurisdiction of applications for naturalization. Naturalization by police courts.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of W. H. Earle and others for an amendment of the general corporation Acts relative to mutual benefit associations. A minority of the committee recommended the passage of a Bill to amend an Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes. Read, and on motion of Mr. Dunham, under a suspension of the rule, laid on the table and the bill offered by the minority ordered to be printed. Mutual benefit associations.

Lancaster R. R. Co.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill concerning the Lancaster Railroad Company.

Trustee process.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on the report of the commission on Revision of the Judicial System, and a bill on leave, a Bill concerning trustee process.

Worcester Union Passenger Station.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of F. P. Goulding, a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for a union passenger station, and for the removal of railroad tracks from certain public ways and grounds in the city of Worcester.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, leave to withdraw, on the petition of S. A. Phillips for increase of his salary as clerk of the First District Court of Southern Middlesex;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. O. Pearse and others that the town of Natick may be disannexed from the judicial district in which it is now included;

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on a petition of the mayor of Boston, an order, and a bill on leave, all relative to the regulation of the practice of medicine and pharmacy;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to reducing the tax on deposits in savings banks;

Of the committee on Federal Relations, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of W. B. Earle for legislation looking to certain amendments of the Constitution of the United States;

Of the committee on Harbors, on an order relative to compensation to riparian owners for tide-water displaced by the filling of flats, recommending the adoption of an order;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. Frank Howland for arrears of pension; and

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the crossing of highways by railroads at grade;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, on an order relative to compensation of clerks of courts in the several counties, was accepted in concurrence. (See Senate Doc., No. 86.)

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to amending chapter 209 of the Acts of 1875, relating to municipal indebtedness, was accepted.

Bills:

To amend chapter 186 of the Acts of the year 1875, in relation to auditing legislative expenses;

Relating to the sealing of weights and measures;

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of New Bedford with pure water;

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water;

To regulate the taking of fish in Monataquot River in the town of Braintree;

To amend an Act to supply the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water; and

Resolves:

In favor of Samuel Hillman of North Adams;

Concerning the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company;

In favor of Patrick Mihan;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relating to the registration of voters (amended on motions of Messrs. Wentworth of Boston, Bird of Walpole, and Hannum of Cambridge);

To amend the charter of the Massachusetts Family Bank;

Concerning the sewage of the State Hospital for the Insane in the town of Danvers;

To amend an Act relative to establishing "Shade-tree and Cemetery Funds" in savings banks; and

To provide for the assignment of counsel and the attendance of certain witnesses in criminal trials of inmates of reform schools; and the

Resolve in favor of the state normal schools at Framingham, Salem and Westfield;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Com-

pany to issue bonds was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Sleeper of Malden, to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Resolve to authorize the purchase of certain maps prepared by A. W. Hoyt, showing railroad routes to the Hoosac Tunnel, was lost.

The Bill relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings, and for other purposes, was further considered. Amendments were moved by Messrs. Wilder of Lowell, Crocker of Fitchburg, Flagg of Millbury, Newton of Holyoke, and Rice of Danvers; and on motion of Mr. Mellen of Worcester, the bill was recommitted to the committee on Labor and Decennial Census, with the proposed amendments.

The Bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to make certain improvements in Boston Harbor, and for other purposes, was read, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Warren of Boston.

The report of the committee on Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the selectmen and others of Peabody, that the Eastern Railroad Company may be prohibited from obstructing a certain public square in said town, was considered; the pending motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, to amend by substituting a Bill to prevent the obstruction of "the Square," in the town of Peabody, was carried; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

The Bill to secure to women the right to vote on municipal affairs in cities and towns, and to hold municipal offices, was read, and pending the question on ordering it to a third reading, the House

At 5.15, adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 30, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Committee on taxation.

Ordered, That the committee on Just and Equal Taxa-

ation be allowed until Thursday, April 5th, to report upon the matters referred to it.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fairbank of Oakham,—

Ordered, That until April 5th, unless otherwise ordered, the House meet at half-past one o'clock in the afternoon. Hour of meeting.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Samuel Ingalls and others, that Winthrop may be set off from East Boston judicial district, and for other purposes, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Revision of the Judicial System. Winthrop.

The remonstrances of Daniels Carpenter and others, and Samuel Hosmer and others, against granting leave to the Framingham and Lowell Railroad to mortgage its road, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads. Framingham & Lowell R. R.

Bills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate:

In relation to witnesses; and Witnesses.

Legalizing the laying out and alteration of certain ways in the town of Clinton; Clinton.

Were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate:

To provide for the maintenance of Chelsea Bridge; and Chelsea Bridge.

To annex a part of the town of Saugus to the city of Lynn; Saugus and Lynn.

(Severally reported on petitions); and

Resolves relative to Massachusetts claims against the United States for coast defence (reported on an order); Coast defence.

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To incorporate the Chicopee Water Company;

Requiring administrators, executors, guardians and trustees to render their accounts annually; and

Relating to special contracts between persons and corporations and their servants, employés and workmen;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Tax Commissioner's Report.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Tax Commissioner's report, and recommending the reference of a portion thereof to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Read and accepted under suspension of the rule; and said portion of the Commissioner's report sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Embezzlement by trustees.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the House should non-concur in the Senate amendments to the House Bill to punish embezzlements by trustees, guardians, executors and administrators. Read and considered under suspension of the rule; and the House took the action indicated.

State camp-ground.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the condition of the public property at the state camp-ground and arsenal. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. (See House Doc., No. 273.)

C. C. Esty.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, from the committee on Claims, on a petition (recommitted), a Resolve in favor of C. C. Esty.

Armory rents.

By Mr. Lee of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on two orders of February 16th, a Bill to amend section 86 of chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning rent of armories; and a

Armories.

Resolve authorizing an additional appropriation for rent of armories.

Storehouse at state camp-ground.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the same committee, on the Adjutant-General's report, in part, a Resolve to provide for the construction of a storehouse at the state camp-ground, and the purchase of tents for the use of the militia.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Liquors seized.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to provide for the disposition of certain liquors heretofore seized under the laws ought to pass.

Non-resident guardians.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill concerning non-resident guardians and their wards ought to pass; and

That the Senate Bill to revise and amend the charter of the city of Springfield ought to pass. Springfield.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill relating to the support of state paupers ought to pass with an amendment. State paupers.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

By Mr. Walden of Lynn, from the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to annex a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden. Medford and Malden.

By Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, from the same committee, on orders of February 23d and 27th, a Bill to provide for the keeping of a register of voters in towns. Town registers of voters.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petitions, a Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company of Massachusetts. Fidelity Assurance Co.

By Mr. Thayer of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the Adjutant-General's report, in part, a Bill to amend section 15 of chapter 204 of the year 1876, relating to sales of public property. Sales of public property.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Federal Relations, on communications from the Governor of Vermont and the Bennington Battle Monument Association, Resolves relating to the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the battle of Bennington, and in aid of erecting a monument in commemoration of the same. Battle of Bennington.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading, under suspension of House rule 42, requiring reference to committee on Finance.

By Mr. Babson of Boston, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on an order (recommitted) presenting the Second Annual Report of the Inspector and Assayer of Liquors. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Assayers of liquors.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, the Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table, the question being on taking action as recommended by the committee on Finance on certain Senate amendments. Educational expenses.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of David L. Withington for reimbursement of money expended by him on property belonging to the Commonwealth; and

Of the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to giving police courts jurisdiction of applications for naturalization.

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Robert A. Vinal and others for state aid for George E. Lincoln, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To establish the board of registrars of voters of the city of Worcester, and to regulate the preparation and revision of the voting lists in said city (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and on motion of Mr. Hastings of Worcester);

To establish the salary of the justice of the Second District Court of Bristol;

Concerning the Lancaster Railroad Company;

To amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for a union passenger station, and for the removal of railroad tracks from certain public ways and grounds in the city of Worcester; and

To prevent the obstruction of "the Square" in the town of Peabody;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston was further considered and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To fix the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Norfolk;

To prevent frauds and abuses in the practice of law and the use of legal process (amended on motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield); and a

Resolve in favor of Patrick Mihan;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

In relation to costs in cases of partition of lands;

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of New Bedford with pure water;

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water; and

To amend an Act to supply the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water; and a

Resolve concerning the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to secure to women the right to vote on municipal affairs in cities and towns, and to hold municipal offices, was further considered; and after debate, the yeas and nays being ordered on request of Mr. Babson of Gloucester, it was rejected by a vote of 83 yeas to 122 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Babson, John J.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bird, Francis W.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bradford, George.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cogswell, John D.
Davis, Charles W.
Dewey, Justin.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hall, Andrew.

Messrs. Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Melcher, George B.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Newton, Dexter.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Perry, Baxter E.
Pillsbury, Albert E.

Messrs. Rand, Oliver J.
Ray, James P.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Shaw, Josephus.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Iram.
Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Messrs. Swain, Charles B.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Torrey, Merritt.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Warren, Alonzo.
Whitehouse, Sidney F.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilson, George C.
Winship, Thomas.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Atherton, Samuel.
Babson, Thomas M.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Dacey, Timothy.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Eddy, Curtis.
Messrs. Egleston, Francis S.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gleason, William S.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hallet, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Low, Francis.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.

Messrs. Marchant, William.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Murphy, James T.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Henry B.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Penney, Alonzo.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Rice, Charles B.
Robinson, William.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Messrs. Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Tompkins, William R.
Train, William G.
Turner, John.
Walker, Joseph.
Walsh, James L.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilde, William W.
Wilder, Henry H.
Winn, Henry.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 83; nays, 122.

The Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the same, was read a third time and considered. Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington being in the chair during its pendency, Mr. Johnson of Brookfield raised the point of order that the petition asks only for power to purchase real estate; a power not necessarily conflicting with any other person. The bill gives to the incorporators mentioned the highest power which the Legislature can confer on any individual, or on any corporation; namely, the right to take real estate either with or without the consent of the owners, by the right of eminent domain; a right which should not be conferred without a notification and a hearing given to interested parties.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, the bill was laid on the table pending the question on its engrossment.

The report of the committee on Harbors, on an order

relative to the Cape Cod Canal, asking leave to visit the premises and report to the next General Court, was rejected in non-concurrence.

At 5.45, adjourned.

MONDAY, April 2, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

A minority of the committee on the Liquor Law, dissenting from the report of the majority, asked leave to have their views printed, with the bill recommended by them, which was granted.

Orders.

Committees' time extended.

Orders were adopted and sent up for concurrence granting the committees on Agriculture, Printing and Revision of the Judicial System further time in which to report.

Papers from the Senate.

Ibid.

Orders were adopted in concurrence granting further time for reporting to committees on Prisons, Public Charitable Institutions, Petition of Edwin Adams and Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Overseers of the poor.

A Bill in relation to overseers of the poor, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Highway damages.

A Bill in relation to public ways and bridges, and to remedies for injuries received thereon (reported on petitions), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Subsequently, on motions of Mr. Hill of Boston, the bill took its second reading under suspension of the rule, and its further consideration was specially assigned for Thursday next at half-past two o'clock, P. M.

Bills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate:—

Overseers of houses of correction.

To abolish the office of overseers of houses of correction (reported on orders); and

Turner's Falls Bridge.

To amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of a highway and bridge

across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls (reported on petitions); and a

Resolve (on leave) granting quarters in Pemberton Square to the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau; Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Train of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, that the Bill (on leave) concerning vagrants ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection. Vagrants.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the same committee, on a portion of the Governor's address, a Bill concerning the settlement of paupers. The bill was read, and being at once considered under suspension of the rule, on motion of Mr. Washburn it was read a second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Paupers.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on the report of certain commissioners, a Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth; and Danvers Hospital.

On a portion of the Governor's address, a Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the system of administration of the public charities of this Commonwealth. Public charities.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Rogers of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Hobart Moore and Eben Sutton, commanding 1st and 2d Brigades, M. V. M., for an additional company of cavalry and one of artillery. 1st and 2d Brigades.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Cahill for compensation for being unjustly imprisoned. [Mr. Madden of Boston dissented from the report, and recommended the passage of a Resolve in favor of Thomas Cahill.] T. Cahill.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to enlarging the powers of the Board of State Charities; and Board of State Charities.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to abolishing the Board of State Charities or curtailing its powers. Ibid.

State Primary School.

By Mr. Tompkins of Boston, from the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Inspectors of the State Primary School at Monson.

Taunton Hospital.

By Mr. Prescott of Boston, from the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.

Perkins Institution for the Blind.

By Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, from the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

N. Y. & N. E. R. R.

By Mr. Hale of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on petitions, a Bill relating to certain stations on the New York and New England Railroad.

Harvard College.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the joint special committee to whom the matter was referred, on an order, Resolves concerning the amendment to the Constitution relative to certain officers of Harvard College.

Danvers Hospital.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the report of certain commissioners, a Bill concerning the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers.

Savings banks.

By Mr. Osborne of Fall River, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on an order of February 20th, a Bill to amend section 23 of chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876, in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings.

Chapin Banking and Trust Co.

By Mr. Newton of Holyoke, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the Chapin Banking and Trust Company.

Boston Safe Deposit Co.

By Mr. Babson of Gloucester, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

N. E. Trust Co.

By Mr. Thomas of Brookline, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the New England Trust Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

1st Battalion Cavalry.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport, the Resolve in favor of companies A and D of the First Battalion of Cavalry, M. V. M.

Corporation law.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Winchendon, the report of

the committee on Insurance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of W. H. Earle and others for an amendment of the general corporation Acts relative to mutual benefit associations.

Old South.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, the Bill to incorporate the trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the same.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

Explosive compounds.

On motion of Mr. Ingalls of Adams, the Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds was discharged from the orders of the day, and its further consideration postponed until Wednesday next.

North Adams.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Bill to incorporate the town of North Adams was discharged from the orders of the day, read a third time, and its further consideration postponed until to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

Motions to Reconsider.

Cape Cod Canal.

A motion by Mr. Wade of Newton, to reconsider the vote by which the House on Friday rejected the report of the committee on Harbors, on an order relative to the Cape Cod Canal, asking leave to visit the premises and report to the next General Court, was carried; and pending the recurring question on concurring with the Senate in the acceptance of the report, it was laid on the table on further motion of Mr. Wade.

Salem—water.

A motion by Mr. Osgood of Salem, to reconsider the vote by which the Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water was passed to be engrossed on Friday, was carried; and the bill was laid on the table, pending the recurring question on passing it to be engrossed in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Huston for compensation for unjust imprisonment; and

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate,

on the Report of the Commissioners on Prisons relative to dividing the Commonwealth into prison districts;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, on the condition of the public property at the state camp-ground and arsenal, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Newton to lay and maintain a main drain in Boston (amended on motion of Mr. Warren of Boston);

Concerning trustee process;

Providing for submitting the claim of Edwin Adams against the Commonwealth to arbitration;

To incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company of Massachusetts;

To annex a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden;

To amend section 15 of chapter 204 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to sales of public property;

Relating to the support of state paupers (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance);

To provide for the disposition of certain liquors heretofore seized under the laws;

Concerning non-resident guardians and their wards; and

To revise and amend the charter of the city of Springfield; and

Resolves:

Providing for a commission to examine into the pollution of sources of water supply (amended on motion of Mr. Warren of Boston;

Relating to the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the battle of Bennington, and in aid of erecting a monument in commemoration of the same; and

Relative to Massachusetts claims against the United States for coast defence;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Concerning the Lancaster Railroad Company;

To amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for a union passenger station, and for the removal of railroad tracks from certain public ways and grounds in the city of Worcester; and

To prevent the obstruction of "the Square" in the town of Peabody; and

Resolves:

Providing for the supervision of statistics; and

In favor of Samuel Hillman of Adams (amended on motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield);

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relating to the sealing of weights and measures; and

To regulate the taking of fish in Monataquot River in the town of Braintree;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Printing, on an order relative to heliotyping certain maps and plans to accompany the Eighth Annual Report of the State Board of Health, recommending the adoption of an order, was accepted in concurrence. Subsequently, Mr. Cook of Milford moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion, being at once considered under suspension of the rule, was carried; and on further motion of Mr. Cook the report was recommitted to the committee and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution to secure the elective franchise and the right to hold office to women was read a third time and rejected. Notice was sent to the Senate of the action of the House.

The Bill in addition to an Act relating to elections was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, and rejected.

The Bill to amend chapter 186 of the Acts of the year 1875, in relation to auditing legislative expenses, was read a third time and considered. Mr. Hill of Boston moved to amend by substituting a Bill to provide for the proper auditing of the expenses of legislative committees; and on motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn further consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow, and the bill offered as a substitute was ordered to be printed.

The Bill to provide for the maintenance of Chelsea Bridge was read a second time, and its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Robinson of Chelsea.

The Bill to annex a part of the town of Saugus to the city of Lynn was read and considered. Pending an amendment moved by Mr. Rice of Danvers, further consideration of the bill was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Fox of Boston, the main question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the keeping of a register of voters in towns was read a second time and considered. Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield moved to amend by substituting a Bill for the more accurate registration of voters in towns; and on his further motion the further consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow, and the bill offered as a substitute was ordered to be printed.

The Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the Second District Court of Bristol was read a third time, and its further consideration was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton.

The Bill to establish the board of registrars of voters of the city of Worcester, and to regulate the preparation and revision of the voting lists in said city was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Subsequently, Mr. McCafferty of Worcester moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill to incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston was also read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Subsequently, Mr. Tompkins of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote, which motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

At 5.05, adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 3, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Framingham & Lowell R. R.

Remonstrances of P. P. Perham and others, stockholders of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad, against the issue of second mortgage bonds upon said railroad, were referred in concurrence to the committee on Railroads.

The House Bill to punish embezzlements by trustees, guardians, executors and administrators, in a Senate amendment to which the House non-concurred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted, and appointed Messrs. Coffin, White and Bowman members on its part of a committee of conference on the matter of the disagreement. The House concurred in the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Hill of Boston, Wade of Newton, and Goulding of Worcester were joined on its part. Embezzlements by trustees, etc.

House bills:

In relation to the construction of fish-weirs; Fish-weirs.

To incorporate the Montgomery Guard of Boston; and Montgomery Guards.

To amend chapter 204 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning the militia, by temporarily adding one company of infantry; Shaw Guards.

Came down severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, in concurrence, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bartlett of Peabody, from the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to collection of taxes on mortgaged property, etc. Taxes on mortgaged property.

By Mr. White of Boston, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition (from Senate files) of the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland for reimbursement for money expended by them in the partial construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad, and petitions in aid of the same. Lee & New Haven R. R.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (recommitted) authorizing payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and the families of deceased soldiers, ought to pass with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. State aid.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of C. C. Esty ought not to pass. On motion of Mr. Flagg of C. C. Esty.

Millbury the matter was at once considered under suspension of the rule, and pending the question on rejection of the resolve, it was recommitted to the committee on Claims on further motion of Mr. Flagg.

Reconsideration.

Elections.

A motion by Mr. Johnson of Brookfield to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill in addition to an Act relating to elections was carried; and the question recurring on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was so ordered.

Taken from the Table.

Boston—commissions.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the city council to create boards of commissioners for the transaction of municipal business. Recommitted to the committee, on further motion of Mr. McCafferty.

Municipal officers.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Bill (on leave) relating to the election of certain municipal officers. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

Discharged from the Orders.

Second District Court, Bristol.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the Second District Court of Bristol was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table, the question being on its engrossment.

Medford and Malden.

On motion of Mr. Snow of Barnstable, the Bill to annex a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden was discharged from the orders of the day, and placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Hobart Moore and Eben Sutton, commanding 1st and 2d Brigades, M. V. M., for an additional company of cavalry and one of artillery;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Cahill for compensation for being unjustly imprisoned; and

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to enlarging the powers of the Board of State Charities;

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to abolishing the Board of State Charities or curtailing its powers;

No legislation necessary, on the report of the Inspectors of the State Primary School at Monson;

No legislation necessary, on the report of the Trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind; and

No legislation necessary, on the report of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls; and

Resolves:

Concerning the amendment to the Constitution relative to certain officers of Harvard College; and

Granting quarters in Pemberton Square to the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To amend section 15 of chapter 204 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to sales of public property; and

Relating to the temporary aid of state paupers by cities or towns (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and a

Resolve authorizing the State Board of Health to examine into the pollution of sources of water-supply, and report thereon (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Newton to lay and maintain a main drain in Boston;

To revise and amend the charter of the city of Springfield;

To provide for the disposition of certain liquors heretofore seized under the laws; and

Concerning non-resident guardians and their wards;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Millbury the matter was at once considered under suspension of the rule, and pending the question on rejection of the resolve, it was recommitted to the committee on Claims on further motion of Mr. Flagg.

Reconsideration.

Elections.

A motion by Mr. Johnson of Brookfield to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill in addition to an Act relating to elections was carried; and the question recurring on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was so ordered.

Taken from the Table.

Boston—commissions.

On motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the city council to create boards of commissioners for the transaction of municipal business. Recommitted to the committee, on further motion of Mr. McCafferty.

Municipal officers.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Bill (on leave) relating to the election of certain municipal officers. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its rejection.

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Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Hobart Moore and Eben Sutton, commanding 1st and 2d Brigades, M. V. M., for an additional company of cavalry and one of artillery;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Thomas Cahill for compensation for being unjustly imprisoned; and

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to enlarging the powers of the Board of State Charities;

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to abolishing the Board of State Charities or curtailing its powers;

No legislation necessary, on the report of the Inspectors of the State Primary School at Monson;

No legislation necessary, on the report of the Trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind; and

No legislation necessary, on the report of the Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls; and

Resolves:

Concerning the amendment to the Constitution relative to certain officers of Harvard College; and

Granting quarters in Pemberton Square to the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To amend section 15 of chapter 204 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to sales of public property; and

Relating to the temporary aid of state paupers by cities or towns (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and a

Resolve authorizing the State Board of Health to examine into the pollution of sources of water-supply, and report thereon (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the city of Newton to lay and maintain a main drain in Boston;

To revise and amend the charter of the city of Springfield;

To provide for the disposition of certain liquors heretofore seized under the laws; and

Concerning non-resident guardians and their wards;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill (on leave) concerning vagrants was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

The motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the Bill to incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston was passed to be engrossed; and

The motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester to reconsider the vote by which the Bill to establish the board of registrars of voters of the city of Worcester, and to regulate the preparation and revision of the voting lists in said city, was passed to be engrossed;

Were lost.

The Bill to incorporate the town of North Adams was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Walden of Lynn, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 186 of the Acts of the year 1875, in relation to auditing legislative expenses, was further considered; the motion of Mr. Hill of Boston to amend by substituting a new bill was carried; and the substitute bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, under rule 60, the question being on its engrossment.

The Bill to provide for the maintenance of Chelsea Bridge was further considered. Mr. Kimball of Revere moved to amend by substituting a Bill concerning the maintenance of Chelsea Bridge over Mystic River, being the Bill originally reported by the committee on Roads and Bridges. The motion was carried, and the bill substituted was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, under rule 60, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill to annex a part of the town of Saugus to the city of Lynn was further considered, the pending amendment moved by Mr. Rice of Danvers was adopted, and the bill was then further amended on motions of Messrs. Merriam of Middleton and Allen of Boston.

An amendment was also moved by Mr. Allen of Boston, providing in substance for the annexation of the whole of the town of Saugus to the city of Lynn. Mr. Goulding of Worcester raised the point of order that the amendment was not proper, the petition upon which the bill was reported having asked for the annexation of only a definite part of said town; namely, East Saugus, so called.

The Chair ruled that the point was well taken, and the amendment offered was laid aside. The bill was then rejected.

The Bill to provide for the keeping of a register of towns was further considered; the motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield to amend by substituting a new Bill was carried; and the substitute Bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, under rule 60, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

The Bill relating to certain stations on the New York and New England Railroad was read and considered; and pending the question on ordering it to a third reading, the House

At 5.35, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 4, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, was laid over on request of Mr. Bird of Walpole:—

Ordered, That whenever, after the passage of this order, the House shall hold two sessions a day, the afternoon session shall not be continued after the hour of five o'clock. Adjournment.

The following order, offered by Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, was also laid over on the request of Mr. Bird of Walpole:—

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the message of the Governor vetoing an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, bearing date April 28, 1876, and contained in Senate Document, No. 210, of last year, be printed for the information of the House. Veto message on license bill of 1876.

Papers from the Senate.

The petition of Horace Binney Sargent and others for incorporation as the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Soldiers' Home.

Massachusetts was referred in concurrence to the committee on Military Affairs.

Oyster Pond River.

The House Bill to authorize the town of Chatham to construct a bridge across Oyster Pond River came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Attendance of officers on superior court, Suffolk Co.

The report of the committee of conference on the matter of disagreement between the two branches on the House Bill relating to the employment and compensation of officers in attendance upon the superior court in the county of Suffolk, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the subject, accepted by the Senate, was read, and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Employés in Adjutant-General's office.

A Resolve relating to certain employés in the Adjutant-General's office (reported on the Adjutant-General's report), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Westport fisheries.

A Bill to prevent the destruction of fish in the rivers and streams in the town of Westport (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of the committee on Military Affairs, accepted by the Senate:

State aid.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relating to amendment of the laws relative to state aid, and a petition of C. A. Stott and others for the same;

Militia.

No legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's message as refers to the militia; and

Rifle practice.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. J. Trull and others for enactment of laws concerning rifle practice, and petitions in aid of the same;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To amend section 1 of chapter 234 of the Acts of the year 1847, establishing regulations concerning Boston Harbor;

Authorizing the town of Sherborn to appropriate money in aid of Sawin Academy;

To authorize the use of steam as a motive power upon branches of the Boston and Lowell Railroad in the city of Lowell;

Concerning the amount of capital stock of street railway corporations outside of cities;

To prohibit the seining of fish in Watuppa Pond in Fall River and Westport;

To authorize the building of a workshop at the jail of the county of Berkshire;

Amending an Act to protect the shores and beaches in Scituate;

To extend the time within which the inhabitants of Pittsfield may vote upon the acceptance of their city charter;

To authorize the wearing of sidearms by the Veteran Artillery Association of Amesbury and Salisbury;

To amend chapter 103 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning the taking of fish in North River, in the county of Plymouth;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives);

In relation to costs in cases of partition of lands;

To authorize the Metropolitan Railroad Company to issue bonds; and

To amend an Act entitled an Act to reduce the expenses and increase the efficiency of the militia;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves: Resolves passed.

In favor of Lewis Gaul;

In favor of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster;

Providing for the printing of the new catalogue of the State Library;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

Concerning the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hall of Boston, from the committee on Harbors, on a report of certain agents, Resolves concerning the Commonwealth Flats at South Boston. South Boston Flats.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on a portion of the Gov- Coroners.

ernor's address, an order, and a petition of the mayor of Boston, a Bill to abolish the office of coroner, and to provide for medical examinations and inquests in cases of death by violence.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

C. P. Brooks.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Charles P. Brooks ought not to pass.

C. C. Esty.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, from the committee on Claims, that the Resolve (recommitted) in favor of C. C. Esty ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on rejection.

Bail commissioners.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to clerks of courts acting as bail commissioners.

State Board of Health.

By Mr. Cook of Milford, from the committee on Printing, on an order (recommitted) relative to heliotyping certain maps and plans to accompany the Eighth Annual Report of the State Board of Health, that the order previously reported should be adopted.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston—street commissioners.

By Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition (recommitted), a Bill in relation to the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston.

Boston municipal courts.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on portions of the Governor's address and the report of the commission on Revision of the Judicial System, a Bill concerning the municipal courts of the city of Boston.

Justices of the peace and trial justices.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the same committee, on the report of the above-named commission, a Bill concerning justices of the peace and trial justices.

First and second district courts of Bristol.

By Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, from the same committee, that the Bill (on leave) to authorize the holding of sessions of the Second District Court of Bristol in Attleborough ought to pass in a new draft, entitled a Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the First District Court of Bristol at Attleborough.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve to provide for the construction of a storehouse at the state camp-ground, and the purchase of tents for the use of the militia, ought to pass. Storehouse at state camp-ground.

By Mr. Wheeler of Orange, from the same committee, that the Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth ought to pass. Danvers Hospital.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the same committee, that the Resolve relating to the indexing of the state archives ought to pass, with an amendment. State archives.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bill to amend section 86 of chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning rent of armories, ought to pass; and Armories.

That the Senate resolves in favor of certain cities and towns (Senate Docs., Nos. 90 to 101 inclusive) ought to pass in a new draft as a single resolve, entitled a Resolve reimbursing sundry cities and towns for payments made on account of rent of armories. Ibid.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Motion to Reconsider.

A motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill to annex a part of the town of Saugus to the city of Lynn was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston. Saugus and Lynn.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Ellis of Ashland, the report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Gray and others that the town of Kingston may be authorized to take a supply of water. Kingston.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, the Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes, pending the question on taking the action recommended by the committee on Finance on certain Senate amendments. Educational expenses.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to Collection of taxes on mortgaged property.

legislate, on an order relative to collection of taxes on mortgaged property, etc., was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table.

Old South.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the same, was discharged from the orders of the day and recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to give notice and a hearing.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition (from Senate files) of the towns of Sandisfield, Otis and Tolland for reimbursement for money expended by them in the partial construction of the Lee and New Haven Railroad, and petitions in aid of the same, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend section 23 of chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876, in relation to savings banks and institutions for savings, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to annex a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden; and the

Resolves concerning the amendment to the Constitution relative to certain officers of Harvard College;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of a highway and bridge across the Connecticut River at Turner's Falls; and

Resolves:

Granting quarters in Pemberton Square to the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau; and

Relative to Massachusetts claims against the United States for coast defence;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relating to certain stations on the New York and New England Railroad was further considered, and rejected.

The Bill in regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds was further considered, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend the charter of the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Hill of Boston, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, the House

At 5.30, adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 5, 1877.

Met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Mr. Cole of Williamstown was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session. Mr. Cole of Williamstown.

Mr. Reed of Dartmouth presented the remonstrance of P. S. Tripp and 179 others against the proposed law relative to seining in Westport River. Westport River.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Sanderson of Littleton, and laid over, relative to printing a certain veto message, was rejected. Veto message, 1876.

The order fixing the time of closing afternoon sessions of the House, offered yesterday by Mr. Whitmore of Framingham, and laid over, was referred to the committee on Rules and Orders, together with substitutes for the same offered by Mr. Whitmore and Mr. Pillsbury of Boston. Adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, that no further legislation is necessary on the Twenty-Ninth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth; and Idiotic and feeble-minded youth.

On the Twenty-Third Annual Report of the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury; and State Almshouse.

Of the same committee, reference to the General Court, on an order relative to custody, treatment and discipline of juvenile offenders; also, Juvenile offenders.

Of the committee on Public Lands, inexpedient to legislate on the Annual Report of the Commissioners on Public Lands; Public lands.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills:

Weweantit River.

To regulate the fisheries in the Weweantit River and its tributaries, and for stocking the same with shad and alewives (reported on a petition); and

Taxation of personal property.

Concerning the duties of assessors in relation to the taxation of personal property (on leave);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Assessment of taxes.

A Bill to extend the time for the assessment of taxes, and for registering voters in particular wards of cities, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the construction of bridges over Bourne's Pond River, Green's Pond River, and Great Pond River, in the town of Falmouth;

To amend an Act in relation to the construction of fish-weirs;

To authorize the city of Fall River to lay out and construct a way known as Buffinton Street through a private burial-ground;

To amend chapter 204 of the Acts of the year 1876, concerning the militia, by temporarily adding one company of infantry;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Relating to the returns from county and city prisons;

To supply the town of Hopkinton with water;

To incorporate the Mutual Boiler Insurance Company of Boston;

To regulate the taking of fish in Monataquot River in the town of Braintree;

To incorporate the Athol Water Company; and

To amend certain Acts concerning the militia;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Taxation of mortgaged property.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the several petitions for legislation authorizing real estate owners to

deduct for purposes of taxation the amount for which their real property is mortgaged; and

Reference to next General Court, on the petition of George T. Bigelow and others for amendment of the law relative to the taxation of corporate property situated in other States. [A minority of the committee dissented from this report, recommending the passage of a bill to prevent double taxation in certain cases.]

Taxation of corporate property, situated elsewhere.

By Mr. Glynn of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the taxation of deposits in savings banks.

Deposits in savings banks.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to limiting the civil jurisdiction of district, municipal and police courts.

Jurisdiction of district, municipal, and police courts.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to lessening costs recovered in district, municipal and police courts.

Costs in same.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, no legislation necessary, on the Aggregates of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc., as assessed May 1, 1876.

Polls, property and taxes.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Shortle of Provincetown, from the committee on Harbors, on a petition, a Bill relating to the Scituate beaches.

Scituate beaches.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition and sundry remonstrances, a Bill to authorize the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad to issue preferred stock; and

B. C. & F. R. R.

That the Bill (recommitted) to authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to issue bonds and mortgage its road ought to pass in a new draft.

Framingham & Lowell R. R.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, on an order of January 12, a Bill relating to taxation of money loaned upon mortgage. [The Senate members of the committee, and Mr. Cobb of Dedham, of the House, dissented.]

Taxation of money loaned on mortgage.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on a petition, a Bill to set off the town of Winthrop from the judicial district under the jurisdiction of the municipal court of East Boston.

Winthrop.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the same commit-

District and police courts.

tee, on the report of the Commission on the Revision of the Judicial System, a Bill concerning district and police courts.

Essex county courts.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the same committee, on a petition, an order, and the report of the above-named commission, a Bill to establish district courts in the county of Essex.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Just and equal taxation.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, on orders relative to the appointment of said committee, a Resolve authorizing the appointment of a joint special committee on Just and Equal Taxation to sit during vacation. On motion of Mr. Dunham, and under suspension of rules, this resolve was laid on the table, having been once read.

Taken from the Table.

Ward officers.

On motion of Mr. Goulding of Worcester, the Bill in relation to ward officers in cities was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Liquor law.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, the Bill concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was taken from the table, and its consideration specially assigned for Tuesday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Discharged from the Orders.

Committee expenses.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the Bill to provide for the proper auditing of the expenses of legislative committees was discharged from the orders of the day and referred to the committee on Finance, the question being on its engrossment.

Bills.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Bills:

To amend the charter of the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield;

To amend the charter of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company; and

To amend the charter of the New England Trust Company;

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day and referred to the committee on the Judiciary, the last two being read a second time.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Gray and others that the town of Kingston may be authorized to take a supply of water; and

Of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to clerks of courts acting as bail commissioners;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of the committee on Military Affairs:

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relating to amendment of the laws relative to state aid, and a petition of C. A. Stott and others for the same;

No legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as refers to the militia; and

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of E. J. Trull and others for enactment of laws concerning rifle practice, and petitions in aid of the same;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

Concerning the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers;

To abolish the office of overseers of houses of correction;

In relation to the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston;

Concerning the municipal courts of the city of Boston; and

To authorize the holding of sessions of the First District Court of Bristol at Attleborough; and a

Resolve to provide for the construction of a storehouse at the state camp-ground, and the purchase of tents for the use of the militia;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend section 23 of chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876, in relation to the report of deposits in savings banks and institutions for savings (the title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of companies A and D of the First Battalion of Cavalry, M. V. M., was considered; its rejection was negatived; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

The report of the committee on Insurance, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of W. H. Earle and others for an amendment of the general corporation Acts relative to mutual benefit associations, was considered. A motion by Mr. Clark of Winchendon to substitute a Bill to amend an Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes, recommended by a minority of the committee, was carried, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

The Bill concerning trustee process was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Knowlton of New Bedford and Read of Lowell, the main question being on the engrossment of the bill, the Speaker announced the—

Special Assignment,

Highway damages.

Being the consideration of the Bill in relation to public ways and bridges, and to remedies for injuries sustained thereon. Pending a motion of Mr. Hill of Boston to amend by substituting a Bill to amend chapter 44 of the General Statutes, in relation to the repair of highways, and to remedies for injuries sustained thereon (it being the first of two bills originally reported on the subject), the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, a motion to assign the further discussion of the subject to two o'clock, P. M., to-morrow, was carried; and the House

At 4.55, adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 6, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Trustee process.

Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence presented the remonstrance of H. A. Buell & Co. and others of Lawrence against any change in the law relative to trustee process. Placed on file.

Wakefield and Stoneham.

Mr. Hale of Boston announced that by an error an amendment adopted by the Senate to the Bill to amend an Act to supply the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water, before it came to the House, was not entered in the text of the bill, which was therefore passed through its

several stages by the House without the amendment. The amendment had, however, since been written in the bill by the recording officer of the Senate, and the bill had been so engrossed. At the suggestion of Mr. Hale, there being no objection, the committee on Engrossed Bills was authorized to report the bill as "rightly and truly engrossed," with the Senate amendment written in its proper place, in the same form in which the bill was passed by the Senate to be engrossed.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston,—

Ordered, That Wednesday next, April 11th, at 2½ o'clock, P. M., be assigned for the choice by ballot of the preacher of the annual election sermon. Election sermon.

The following order, offered by Mr. Cole of Williamstown, was referred, under the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court:—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any legislation is expedient to prevent probate judges and police justices from practising as attorneys and counsellors-at-law. Probate and other judges as attorneys.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to establish an advisory board of women to the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, and of the State Primary School at Monson (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance. Advisory board of women.

Bills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate:

To amend section 4 of chapter 95 of the Acts of the year 1877, relating to birds, birds' eggs, deer and game (reported on an order); Sparrows.

To authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to lay out highways and build bridges across Lee's River and Cole's River, in the towns of Somerset and Swansea (reported on petitions); and Lee's and Cole's rivers.

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of paying such costs and expenses as said county may be required to pay under the provisions of an Act relating to Sunderland Bridge (reported on a petition); Sunderland Bridge.

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Resolves Passed.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of William R. Fish;

In favor of Jane Parks;

In relation to the fencing of railroads;

In favor of Philip Mackey;

In favor of James Burke, of Turner's Falls;

In favor of the State Primary School at Monson;

In relation to the harbor line on the northerly side of Charles River;

To provide for the payment from the treasury of certain educational expenses; and

Providing for the printing, binding and distribution of additional copies of the Decennial Census and Statistics of Industry;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill to amend an Act in addition to an Act to incorporate the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Women's prison.

By Mr. Bigelow of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill making appropriations for the expenses of the Reformatory Prison for Women ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

Legislative expenses.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the same committee, that the Bill to provide for the proper auditing of the expenses of legislative committees ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on its engrossment.

Appeals in district, municipal, and police courts, etc.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on the report of a certain commission, a Bill concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts, and before trial justices, and for abolishing certain district and police courts. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the Bill concerning coöperative saving fund and loan associations. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Loan and building associations.

Special Assignment.

Upon arrival of the hour specially assigned for consideration of the Bill in relation to public ways and bridges, and to remedies for injuries sustained thereon, Mr. Laws of Brockton moved that the matter be postponed until Tuesday next, and placed first in the orders of that day, which motion was carried. Highway damages.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Finance, no legislation necessary, on the Annual Abstract of Polls, Property, Taxes, etc., was accepted. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Printing, on an order (recommitted) relative to heliotyping certain maps and plans to accompany the Eighth Annual Report of the State Board of Health, recommending the adoption of the order previously reported, was accepted, and the order adopted in concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to limiting the civil jurisdiction of district and police courts;

Of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, leave to withdraw, on petitions for legislation authorizing real estate owners to deduct, for the purpose of taxation, the amount for which their real property is mortgaged; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to taxation of deposits in savings banks;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on the Report of the Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth;

Inexpedient to legislate, on the Report of the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury; and

Reference to the next General Court, on an order relating to the custody of juvenile offenders; and

Of the committee on Public Lands, inexpedient to legislate, on the Annual Report of the Commissioners on Public Lands;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

Concerning justices of the peace and trial justices (amended on motions of Messrs. Allen of Boston and Dewey of Great Barrington);

To amend section 86 of chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning rent of armories;

To prevent the destruction of fish in the rivers and streams in the town of Westport;

To establish district courts in the county of Essex;

To set off the town of Winthrop from the judicial district under the jurisdiction of the municipal court of East Boston;

Concerning district and police courts;

To authorize the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad Company to issue preferred stock;

Relating to the Scituate beaches; and

To regulate the fisheries in the Weweantit River and its tributaries, and for stocking the same with shad and alewives; and

Resolves:

Reimbursing sundry cities and towns for payments made on account of rent of armories;

Relating to the indexing of the state archives (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance); and

In favor of Companies A and D of the First Battalion of Cavalry, M. V. M.;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Authorizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and the families of deceased soldiers;

Concerning the maintenance of Chelsea Bridge over Mystic River; and

For the more accurate registration of voters in towns;

Were severally further considered and ordered to a third reading, the first named being amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill to incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company of Massachusetts (amended on motions of Messrs. Hill of Boston and Babson of Gloucester); and Resolves

Relating to the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the battle of Bennington, and in aid of erecting a monument in commemoration of the same (amended on motions of Messrs. Bancroft of Boston and Cook of Milford); and

To provide for the construction of a storehouse at the state camp-ground, and the purchase of tents for the use of the militia;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill providing for submitting the claim of Edwin Adams, against the Commonwealth, to arbitration, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill concerning trustee process was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Read of Lowell were adopted, and the bill was further amended on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, and rejected. Subsequently, the orders of the day being on the table, Mr. Hawkes of Lynn moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was rejected, and the motion was placed first in the orders of the day for Monday.

The Bill (on leave) relating to the election of certain municipal officers was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill in addition to an Act relating to elections was considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Johnson of Brookfield and Dunham of Pittsfield were adopted, and the bill was then indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. Egleston of Westfield.

The House took action, as recommended by the committee on Finance, on the Senate amendments to the Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes; and the bill was sent up for concurrence in the House amendment to the Senate amendment at [B]; the committee on Finance having modified their report on said amendment by substituting "ten" for "six."

The Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was read, and on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole was laid on the table, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Subsequently, the orders of the day being on the table,

Mr. Bird of Walpole moved a reconsideration of the vote; which, being at once considered under suspension of the rule, was carried; and on further motion of Mr. Bird the bill was laid on the table.

Consideration of the Resolve in favor of Charles P. Brooks was postponed until Tuesday next, on motion of Mr. Chapin of Boston.

The Resolve in favor of C. C. Esty was rejected, as recommended by the committees on Finance and Claims.

The report of the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to lessening costs recovered in civil actions in district, municipal and police courts was considered. A motion by Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence to amend by substituting a Bill relative to costs in actions under the trustee process was carried; and the bill, having been read, was placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

On motions of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the consideration of the report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of George T. Bigelow and others for amendment of the law in relation to taxing shareholders in corporate property situated in other states, and of the Bill relating to taxation of money loaned upon mortgage, was postponed until Wednesday next, and the report and bill were ordered to be placed in the orders for that day; the latter having been read a second time.

The Bill to authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to issue bonds and mortgage its road was read a second time and considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Wade of Newton, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, the House

At 5.15, adjourned.

MONDAY, April 9, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Rice of Danvers, a member of the House.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole,—

Ordered, That the Railroad Commissioners, who were directed to investigate the financial condition of the New York and New England Railroad, be authorized to report in print. N. Y. & N. E. R. R.

Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order (reported by the committee on Printing on an order), adopted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow:—

Ordered, That there be printed two thousand extra copies of the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, one thousand of which shall be for the use of the Legislature, and one thousand for the use of the Trustees of said college. Agricultural College.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to semi-annual returns of savings banks; and Returns of savings banks.

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the report (recommitted) of the Chaplain of the State Prison; Chaplain of State Prison.

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To authorize the town of Chatham to construct a bridge across Oyster Pond River;

Concerning the sewage of the State Hospital for the Insane in the town of Danvers;

To authorize mothers to appoint by will guardians of their minor children;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To provide for the disposition of certain liquors heretofore seized under the laws; and

Concerning non-resident guardians and their wards;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves:

Granting quarters in Pemberton Square to the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau; and

Relative to Massachusetts claims against the United States for coast defence;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Overseers of the poor.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill in relation to overseers of the poor, and recommending its reference to the committee on Towns. Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule, and the bill sent up for concurrence in the reference.

W. Shanly.

By Mr. Baley of Amesbury, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly. Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance. [A minority of the committee also presented their views, recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. See House Doc., No. 316.]

Salem charter.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on petitions, a Bill in addition to an Act establishing the city of Salem.

Employés in Adjutant-General's office.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Resolve relating to certain employés in the Adjutant-General's office ought to pass in a new draft.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Witnesses.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill in relation to witnesses, on the ground that it is not competent for the House, under the 47th rule, to consider the bill, it being substantially the same measure once rejected by the House.

Moses S. Wheeler.

By Mr. Flagg of Millbury, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Moses S. Wheeler for compensation for unjust imprisonment; and

J. L. Cole.

Leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. L. Cole for damages caused by the construction and reconstruction of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill legalizing the laying out and alteration of certain ways in the town of Clinton ought to pass. Clinton—ways.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill to establish an advisory board of women to the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, and of the State Primary School at Monson, ought to pass. Advisory board of Women.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, the report of the committee on the Liquor Law, on an order, presenting the Second Annual Report of the Inspector and Assayer of Liquors. Assayer of liquors.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the report of the committee on Harbors, on an order relative to the Cape Cod Ship Canal, asking leave to visit the premises and report to the next General Court; and Cape Cod Canal.

The motion of Mr. Winn of Buckland to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State. Divorces.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Bill in addition to an Act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water. Passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Salem—water.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Bill to authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to issue bonds and mortgage its road was discharged from the orders of the day, and its further consideration postponed until Tuesday, April 17, pending amendments moved by Mr. Wade and Mr. Osgood of Salem, the main question being on ordering it to a third reading. Framingham & Lowell R. R.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford, the Bill to authorize the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad Company to issue preferred stock was discharged from the orders of the day. Read, and its further consideration postponed, on motion of the same B. C. & F. R. R.

gentleman, until Tuesday, April 17, the question being on its engrossment.

Ward officers.

On motion of Mr. Goulding of Worcester, the Bill in relation to ward officers in cities was discharged from the orders of the day and laid on the table, the question being on its engrossment.

Orders of the Day.

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Bills:

Concerning the duties of assessors in relation to the taxation of personal property (amended on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole);

To amend an Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Hastings of Worcester);

Making appropriations for the expenses of the Reformatory Prison for Women; and

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of paying such costs and expenses as said county may be required to pay under the provisions of an Act relating to Sunderland Bridge;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Authorizing payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and the families of deceased soldiers; and

To set off the town of Winthrop from the judicial district under the jurisdiction of the municipal court of East Boston; and

Resolves:

Reimbursing sundry cities and towns for payments made on account of rent of armories;

Relating to the indexing of the state archives; and

In favor of companies A and D of the First Battalion of Cavalry;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To abolish the office of overseer of the house of correction; and

To regulate the fisheries in the Weweantit River and its tributaries, and for stocking the same with shad and alewives;

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill concerning trustee process was lost, 75 yeas to 98 nays; the yeas and nays having been ordered on request of Mr. Tompkins of Boston. The vote was as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bird, Francis W.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cobb, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cornish, Israel C.
Daniels, George F.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Donald, William C.
Ellis, William F.
Fox, James W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hill, Clement H.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lee, Henry.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mahony, James T.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Miller, Alfred.
Messrs. Montague, William H.
Newton, James H.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, Baxter E.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Rand, Oliver J.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Robinson, William.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanderson, George W.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Iram.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Wade, Levi C.
Whitaker, John B.
Wilde, William W.
Wing, Daniel.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atherton, Samuel.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bradford, George.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Clark, Leonard.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Davis, Charles W.
Delano, Obed.
Doane, Abiathar.
Draper, Francis M.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Howard, William C.
Jenkins, Edward J.

Messrs. Johnson, Peter R.
Keyes, Patrick.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lovell, John D.
Low, Francis.
Luther, Hale S.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Melcher, George B.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, John F.
O'Sullivan, Cornelius.
Pierce, Darius.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Richards, Charles W.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Samuel,
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stickney, Charles.
Swain, Charles B.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thurston, Charles F.
Torrey, Merritt.
Train, William G.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Walsh, James L.
Warren, Alonzo.
Watts, William.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.

Messrs. Whitney, Edward. Messrs. Wilson, George C.
Wilson, George A. Winship, Thomas.

Yeas, 75; nays, 98.

The Bill to provide for the proper auditing of the expenses of legislative committees was further considered, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston was read and considered. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Prescott of Boston, the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Train of Boston, the main question being on its engrossment.

At 5.10, adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 10, 1877.

Met according to adjournment; Mr. Osgood of Salem in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

A motion by Mr. Sanderson of Littleton to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill to abolish the office of overseer of the house of correction was lost. Overseer of the house of correction.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the city of Boston for payment for the abatement of a nuisance in rear of the State Prison, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston—abatement of nuisance.

Bills, passed to be engrossed by the Senate: Bills.

To provide for annual returns from literary, educational, benevolent, charitable, scientific and religious societies (reported on orders relative to taxation of church property, and to the exemption of real estate held by certain institutions);

To amend section 2, chapter 127, of the Acts of the

year 1861 for the protection of agricultural societies and farmers' clubs (reported on the petition of Peter Fay and others); and

In addition to an Act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes (reported on petition of Allen Look and others relative to certain ponds in Dukes County);

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Husband and wife.

A Bill relating to conveyances, gifts and contracts between husband and wife (substituted in the Senate as an amendment to the House Bill relating to the rights of married women in their wearing apparel and articles of personal ornament), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read. Mr. Hill of Boston raised the point of order that the bill was substantially the same as a Bill respecting sales, gifts and contracts between husband and wife, which was rejected by the House on February 16; and that, therefore, under rule 47, the House should take no further action thereon. The Chair (Mr. Osgood of Salem) ruled that the point was well taken, and it was directed that the bill should be indorsed accordingly.

Report of a Committee.

Coroners.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill to abolish the office of coroner, and to provide for medical examinations and inquests in cases of death by violence, ought to pass, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Special Assignment.

Liquor law.

The Bill concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read a second time and considered. Mr. Babson of Boston moved to amend by substituting the Bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors, recommended by a minority of the committee; and the yeas and nays being ordered on request of Mr. Bird of Walpole, the motion was lost by a vote of 50 yeas to 150 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Anthony, Job K.
Babson, Thomas M.
Barton, Henry A.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Messrs. Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Brown, J. Henry.
Chase, Charles H.

Messrs. Cook, John H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Madden, Hugh A.
Messrs. Melcher, George B.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Wilson, George A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cook, William H.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Messrs. Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.

Messrs. Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Laws, Alfred.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Low, Francis.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.

Messrs. Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilson, George C.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.

Yeas, 50; nays, 150.

On the question of ordering the bill to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered on request of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford; and the roll being called, it was so ordered by a vote of 109 yeas to 89 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Babson, John J.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cogswell, John D.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Gray, Franklin.
Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hillis, John.
Howard, William C.

Messrs. Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Laws, Alfred.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Martin, Isaac B.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Penney, Alonzo.
Pierce, Henry.
Rand, Oliver J.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Reed, George R.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.

Messrs. Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Francis N.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Messrs. Tuttle, Augustus S.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Wilson, George C.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, Thomas M.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, Henry A.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Cobb, John D.
Cook, John H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Emery, Levi.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Messrs. Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hill, Clement H.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, William B.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Randall, David.
Read, William A.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanborn, John C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.

Messrs. Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Messrs. Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilson, George A.

Yeas, 109; nays, 89.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports:

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. L. Cole for damages caused by the construction and reconstruction of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, on an order, presenting the Second Annual Report of the Inspector and Assayer of Liquors;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to semi-annual returns of savings banks; and

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the report (recommitted) of the Chaplain of the State Prison;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

Subsequently, the orders of the day being on the table, Mr. Lee of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the latter report was accepted; and the motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills:

Legalizing the laying out and alteration of certain ways in the town of Clinton; and

In addition to an Act establishing the city of Salem;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of paying such costs and expenses as said county may be required to pay under the provisions of an Act relating to Sunderland Bridge was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to public ways and bridges, and to remedies for injuries sustained thereon, was further considered. The pending motion of Mr. Hill of Boston to amend by substituting a Bill to amend chapter 44 of the General Statutes, in relation to the repair of highways, and to remedies for injuries sustained thereon, was carried by a vote of 73 to 35; and the substitute bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow (under rule 60), the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

Consideration of the Resolve in favor of Charles P. Brooks was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole.

The Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the First District Court of Bristol at Attleborough was read a third time, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Watts of Taunton, pending the question on its engrossment.

The Bill concerning the municipal courts of the city of Boston was read a third time, and, after extended debate, was rejected by a vote of 28 to 122.

The Bill concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts, and before trial justices, and for abolishing certain district and police courts, was read and considered. Amendments moved by Mr. Goulding of Worcester were adopted, and pending further amendments moved by Messrs. Ingalls of Adams, Newton of Southborough, and Hillis of Maynard, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Bancroft of Boston raised the point that no quorum was present, and called for a count. It appearing that but 89 members were present, the House

At 5.20, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 11, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Attendance of officers at court.

The House Bill relating to the employment and compensation of officers in attendance upon the superior court in the county of Suffolk came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments, and that

Messrs. Russell, Crane and Flatley were appointed on its part upon a new committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches. The House concurred, and Messrs. Fuller and Pillsbury of Boston and Knowlton of New Bedford were joined on its part.

A Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (reported on the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of said college), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance. Agricultural College.

A report of the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to paying registers of deeds by salaries instead of fees, and a statement of the Returns of Registers of Deeds from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday. Registers of deeds.

Bills:

Relating to the restraining and muzzling of dogs (reported on sundry orders and petitions relative to protection from dogs); and Dogs.

To give general equity jurisdiction to the supreme judicial court, and for other purposes (reported on the Governor's address and the Report of the Commission on Revision of the Judicial System); Supreme court.

Passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Rules and Orders, that the order relative to closing the daily sessions of the House at 5 o'clock, P. M., ought to pass in a new draft, as follows:—

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered, whenever the House is in session at 5 o'clock, P. M., the Speaker shall declare it adjourned upon the completion of the business upon which it is engaged at that hour. Adjournment.

Read, and considered under suspension of the rule, and the order adopted.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolves concerning the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston ought to pass, with amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for Friday for a second reading. Flats.

Mutual fire insurance companies.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee on Insurance, on the special report of the Insurance Commissioner, in part, a Bill defining the manner in which mutual fire insurance companies shall transact business. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Liquor law.

On motion of Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, the Bill concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was discharged from the orders of the day. Read a third time, and its further consideration specially assigned for 2 o'clock, P. M., on Wednesday next, on motion of the same gentleman.

At half-past 2 o'clock the Chair announced the—

Special Assignment,

Being the election, by ballot, of the preacher of the next annual election sermon.

Messrs. White of Boston, Howard of Easton, Merrill of Salisbury, Smith of Gloucester, Macomber of Fall River, and Desmond of Boston were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes. Having attended to that duty, the committee reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes, ...	187	
Necessary for a choice, ...	94	
Rev. James L. Hill of Lynn, ...		98
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The report of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Senate Bill in relation to witnesses, was accepted; and the Chair ruling that the point raised by the committee, that under the 47th rule the House could take no further action on the bill, was not well taken, the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Friday for a second reading; the Speaker announcing that if there were no objection he would have the grounds of his ruling printed for the use of the House when the bill should be reached in the calendar. The ruling is as follows:—

The Chair is of opinion that House rule 47 does not preclude the House from taking further action on the bill in question.

It is true, that an order was adopted in the House early in the session, instructing the Judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1870, which is also the object of this bill. The committee also state that, at a hearing on said order, an identically similar bill was presented for their consideration, but not approved by them, whereupon they reported on said order that it was inexpedient to legislate; and the House subsequently accepted their report.

The authorities—Cushing's Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies, sections 2305–2314, and Warrington's Manual, section 118—are plain that in such a state of facts, no measure substantially the same—as undoubtedly is the bill in question—can, as a matter of parliamentary principle, be again introduced into the House during the present session; with, however, this sole exception, which is equally well recognized in the same authorities as a matter of parliamentary principle, that a measure substantially the same may be introduced into the House from its coordinate branch, the Senate. Cushing, in his work before cited, section 2314, says: "The judgment of one house, being obligatory only upon itself and its own members, it follows that the application of the rule in question is confined to the house in which its previous proceeding has taken place, and to the members of that house. Thus, if a bill is pending or has been rejected in one house, the same bill—that is, a bill of the same tenor—may, nevertheless, be introduced in the other, inasmuch as the latter has not as yet come to any judgment upon that or a similar bill. If such bill passes in the house in which it is begun, it may be sent from that house to the other, and so introduced in that house, although a similar bill is there pending, or has been passed or rejected; because the judgment of that house is obligatory only to prevent the introduction of such a bill by its own members, but not the introduction of a bill from the other house, which is an independent and coördinate branch. If the introduction of a bill from the other house in this manner cannot be objected to on the ground of order, so neither can its being proceeded upon or passed. Whether the house to which it is sent, having already expressed its opinion by

rejecting a similar bill, or having a similar bill then under consideration, will reconsider its judgment and pass the bill thus sent, is a question which does not depend upon the order or method of proceeding." Warrington also, in his Manual, at section 118, says: "It is a rule, that when any bill, resolve, resolution, order, petition, memorial or remonstrance has been finally rejected, no other, substantially the same, shall be introduced by any committee or member during the session. This does not exclude matters of the same sort from coming from the other branch."

The Chair believes this exception is founded, *first*, on the ground of that courtesy which exists between the two branches, and which presumes their coöperation till the moment of final disagreement; *second*, on the ground that while the original rejection of a measure by the House is a direct vote on the measure itself, its action upon the same measure, when introduced from the other branch, is upon concurring with the direct vote of that branch thereon, there being some distinction between, on the one hand, rejecting a measure of its own, and on the other, conceding to the other branch, as a matter of courtesy or deference, or agreement, a concurrence in *its* adoption of the same measure; and *third*, on the ground that the very object of having two branches is that the wisdom of each shall be the wisdom of the other, and that no measure that involves the public welfare shall fail for want of the joint consideration of both.

If, then, the present question were to be governed by the general parliamentary principle, there would be no bar to the introduction of this bill into the House from the Senate, although substantially the same measure had there once already been finally rejected. Is there anything in House rule 47 that constitutes such a bar? It must be remembered that our rules are for the most part an expression of the general parliamentary law. Such, especially, is that part of rule 47 which is applicable to the present issue, and which is as follows: "When a bill, order, petition, memorial or remonstrance has been finally rejected, no measure substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session," the remainder of the rule applying to a different issue from the present one. The "introduction" of a bill, gathering the meaning of the word from the context in rule 47, and from its use elsewhere in the rules, especially in rule 45,

and in joint rule 20, evidently means the original *début* of the bill, and not its subsequent reappearance when reported back from the various committees, to which, after its first appearance, it may happen to be referred from time to time. The only methods of introducing a bill, according to rule 45, are three,—by receipt from the Senate, by report from a committee, or by motion on the part of a member; and the express enumeration in rule 47 of the last two methods, as methods by which a rejected measure cannot be introduced a second time, is, according to a familiar rule of construction, a clear implication that the remaining method, that by receipt from the Senate, is one by which a rejected measure may be so introduced. This appears still clearer, when, on reading the remainder of rule 47, it is found that, while this right to introduce rejected measures by receipt from the other branch is plainly recognized, one exception is made in the case of "an amendment to a House bill which is substantially the same as a bill already rejected by the House." This exception proves the rule. Why exclude by express terms a once rejected House bill on the ground that it comes from the Senate in the one particular form of an amendment to another House bill, which might thus be overloaded and killed, if it be true that under rule 47, and without this exception, no rejected House bill at all can come back to the House from the Senate?

Evidently, then, a rejected House bill may be introduced a second time into the House if it come from the Senate as an independent measure. Once in the House, and there referred to a committee of the House, a subsequent report of it back from that committee is a part of its career, and not such an "introduction" of it as to bring it within rule 47, as being "introduced by a committee," and therefore barred by that rule from being further acted upon. To say that any rule of the House recognizes the right to introduce a bill, and then makes its reference to a committee, and their report upon it, a bar to its further consideration, would not be creditable to the good sense of a deliberative body. Cushing, section 2314, before cited, says: "If the introduction of a bill from the other house in this manner cannot be objected to, on the ground of order, so neither can its being proceeded upon and passed."

There is a decision in the House journal of 1875, of the date of March 31, which has been urged against the

position of the Chair. The circumstances of the two cases are not altogether alike. That was not a case of a bill, which, having been rejected in the House, and subsequently passed as an independent measure in the Senate, was thence sent to the House and there ruled out. On the contrary, it was referred in the Senate to a joint committee, and then sent from the Senate into the House for concurrence in that reference. This concurrence the House extended, and it is certainly somewhat significant that it did so without making any point of order. The bill which in fact, in that case, was afterwards ruled out by Mr. Speaker Sanford, was not the one so referred, but a "new draft," which made its first appearance, not by receipt from the Senate, as in the present case, but by report from its joint committee on Mercantile Affairs, and which was never in the House at all till "introduced by that committee," and which, therefore, came within the express terms of rule 47, and, of course, was ruled out and laid aside.

In no other way can the Chair interpret Mr. Speaker Sanford's ruling of March 31, 1875. It is to be regretted that it does not contain a full discussion of the question by that very able parliamentarian. It makes no reference to the general parliamentary principle, or to the distinction contained in rule 47, which puts rejected bills, introduced from a coördinate branch, on a different footing from those introduced in any other way. The statement, "that it made no difference how the subject-matter originated or came up before the committtee reporting the bill," is certainly very broad, and seems to the Chair to be in conflict with the authorities and the rule.

It appears to the Chair correct to receive this bill from the Senate for the consideration of the House, as a matter of parliamentary law, as a matter of compliance with rule 47, and especially as in keeping with the principles of joint legislative deliberation, which underlie and mould both the law and the rule.

The report of the committee on Claims, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the city of Boston for payment for the abatement of a nuisance in rear of the State Prison, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills:

To amend section 2, chapter 127 of the Acts of the

year 1861 for the protection of agricultural societiés and farmers' clubs; and

In addition to an Act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes; and the

Resolve relating to certain employés in the Adjutant-General's office;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act establishing the city of Salem was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill legalizing the laying out and alteration of certain ways in the town of Clinton was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Lee of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the report (recommitted) of the chaplain of the State Prison, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Watts of Taunton.

The Bill concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts, and before trial justices, and for abolishing certain district and police courts, was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Hillis of Maynard, Newton of Southborough, and Ingalls of Adams, were rejected; and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 78 to 61.

The Bill relating to taxation of money loaned upon mortgage was further considered, and, after debate, was rejected. Subsequently, Mr. Hale of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote of rejection, and the motion was placed first in the orders of the day for Friday.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of George T. Bigelow and others for amendment of the law in relation to taxing shareholders in corporate property situated in other States, was considered. A motion by Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield to amend by substituting the "Bill to prevent double taxation in certain cases," recommended by a minority of the committee, was carried; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Friday for a second reading.

At 5 o'clock, adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 13, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

N. Y. & N. E. R. R.

An exhibit of the financial condition of the New York and New England Railroad was received from the Railroad Commissioners, in compliance with an order of the Legislature of March 1. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Election sermon.

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to inform the Rev. James L. Hill of Lynn of his election as preacher of the annual election sermon.

Papers from the Senate.

The Stafford disaster.

The following order, considered in the Senate under suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down for concurrence in such suspension; and the House concurred:—

Whereas, a great disaster has visited the town of Stafford, in our sister State of Connecticut, occasioned by the breaking away of a reservoir dam, by which great loss of property and consequent suffering is now pressing on its people;

And whereas, a few years since, when a similar disaster occurred at Mill River in this State, the State of Connecticut, in a spirit of sympathy and generous liberality, voted the sum of $10,000 to relieve the people in that locality; therefore,

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations consider whether it is not the duty of the Commonwealth to recognize the generous liberality of our sister State in the time of that dread visitation, and to appropriate a sum of money which shall show our appreciation of the kindly sympathy to us in the day of our disaster.

Taxes.

A Bill in relation to the assessment and abatement of taxes (reported on petitions of William Minot and others), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relating to boards of health in the several cities of the Commonwealth;

To enable judges of the probate court, without being petitioned therefor, to require a new bond when the sureties or the penal sum of the original bond are insufficient;

Concerning the Lancaster Railroad Company;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Providing for submitting the claims of Edwin Adams against the Commonwealth to arbitration; and

To amend an Act to supply the towns of Wakefield and Stoneham with water;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau; and

In favor of the State Normal Schools at Framingham, Salem and Westfield;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Public documents.

By Mr. Huse of Newburyport, from the committee on Printing, on an order, a Bill concerning the printing and distribution of public and certain other documents. Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

State charities.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the system of administration of the public charities of this Commonwealth ought to pass, with amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

State prison, chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Lee of Boston, his motion to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the

report (recommitted) of the chaplain of the State Prison. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Orders of the Day.

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Bills:

To amend section 4 of chapter 95 of the Acts of the year 1877, relating to birds, birds' eggs, deer and game;

To authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to lay out highways and build bridges across Lee's River and Cole's River, in the towns of Somerset and Swansea;

Relative to costs in actions under the trustee process;

Concerning coöperative saving fund and loan associations;

To provide for annual returns from literary, educational, benevolent, charitable, scientific and religious societies; and

Defining the manner in which mutual fire insurance companies shall transact business;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

For the more accurate registration of voters in certain towns;

To amend section 83 of chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning rent of armories (amended on motion of Mr. Lee of Boston);

Concerning district, police and municipal courts (amended, including the title, on motions of Messrs. Wade of Newton, Hill of Boston, and Goulding of Worcester);

Relating to the Scituate beaches (amended on motion of Mr. Bates of Cohasset);

Concerning justices of the peace and trial justices (amended on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston); and

Concerning the maintenance of Chelsea Bridge over the Mystic River;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

A Bill to amend section 2, chapter 127 of the Acts of the year 1861, for the protection of agricultural societies and farmers' clubs, was read a third time, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Hale of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill relating to taxa-

tion of money loaned upon mortgage was carried; and pending the recurring question on ordering to a third reading, the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield.

The Resolve in favor of Charles P. Brooks was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Finance.

The Bill to prevent the destruction of fish in the rivers and streams in the town of Westport was read a third time, and its further consideration was postponed until Monday on motion of Mr. Hannum of Cambridge.

The Bill to establish district courts in the county of Essex was read and considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Tilton of Haverhill was adopted; and pending further amendments moved by the same gentleman, and by Messrs. Rice of Danvers, Osgood of Salem, Merrill of Salisbury, Donald of Andover, Roads of Marblehead, Bartlett of Peabody, Baley of Amesbury, Fox of Boston, and Mann of Randolph, and a motion by Mr. Train of Boston to recommit, the main question being on engrossment of the bill, the orders of the day were laid on the table, and the House, at 5.10, P. M., was declared

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 16, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition Presented.

Mr. Whitmore of Framingham presented the remonstrance of George C. Travis and others against the abolition of the First District Court of Southern Middlesex. Placed on file, with House Bill No. 311. First District Court, Southern Middlesex.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Long of Hingham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Rules and Orders consider the expediency of amending House rule 47 by inserting the words "and is not a substitute therefor" after the word "House" in the seventh line; or otherwise amending said rule so as best to subserve legislation. House rule 47.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of paying such costs and expenses as said county may be required to pay under the provisions of an Act relating to Sunderland Bridge (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Samuel Hillman of Adams (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Paper from the Senate.

Antietam National Cemetery.

The petition of Henry Edwards, Trustee for Massachusetts in the Antietam National Cemetery, for authority to transfer to the United States the interest of Massachusetts in said cemetery, presented in the Senate, and considered under suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down for concurrence in such suspension; and the House concurred.

Motions to Reconsider.

Justices of the peace.

Scituate beaches.

Motions of Mr. Rice of Danvers to reconsider the vote by which the House on Friday passed to be engrossed the Bill concerning justices of the peace and trial justices, and of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester to reconsider the vote by which the Bill relating to the Scituate beaches was passed to be engrossed, were severally lost.

Taken from the Table.

Boston Land Co.

On motion of Mr. Warren of Boston, the Bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to make certain improvements in Boston Harbor, and for other purposes.

Ward officers.

On motion of Mr. Goulding of Worcester, the Bill in relation to ward officers in cities.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on engrossment.

Saugus and Lynn.

On motion of Mr. Walden of Lynn, the motion of Mr. Tompkins of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill to annex a part of the town of Saugus to the city of Lynn. Placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, the Bill in addition to an Act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes was discharged from the orders of the day. Read, and on further motion of the same gentleman laid on the table, the question being on its engrossment. Useful fishes.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Moses S. Wheeler for compensation for unjust imprisonment, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Harbors, on an order relative to the Cape Cod Ship Canal, asking leave to visit the premises and report to the next General Court; and

Of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to paying registers of deeds by salaries instead of fees, and on a statement of Returns of Registers of Deeds;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The order reported by the committee on Printing, relative to printing two thousand extra copies of the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was adopted in concurrence.

Bills:

To establish an advisory board of women to the inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury and of the State Primary School at Monson; and

In relation to the assessment and abatement of taxes;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Making appropriations for the expenses of the Reformatory Prison for Women (amended on motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield); and

To authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to lay out highways and build bridges across Lee's River and Cole's River, in the towns of Somerset and Swansea;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to amend an Act concerning associations for

religious, charitable, educational, and other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Hastings of Worcester); and the

Resolve relating to certain employés in the Adjutant-General's office;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish district courts in the county of Essex was further considered, amended as moved by Messrs. Osgood of Salem and Fox of Boston (other pending amendments being lost, and the motion to recommit withdrawn), and rejected by a vote of 70 to 72.

The Bill to prevent the destruction of fish in the rivers and streams in the town of Westport was further considered and rejected. Notice was sent to the Senate.

The motion of Mr. Winn of Buckland to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State was carried, and pending the recurring question on engrossment of the bill, it was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton.

The Bill concerning the duties of assessors in relation to the taxation of personal property was read a third time and rejected; and notice was sent to the Senate.

At 5.10 P. M., adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 17, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Hill of Boston:—

Last week of session.

Ordered, That Wednesday, April 18, be considered to be the beginning of the last week of the session.

The following order, offered by Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, was laid over at the request of Mr. Goulding of Worcester:—

Ordered, That on and after Wednesday, April 18, the morning sessions of the House shall begin at ten o'clock, until otherwise ordered. Hour of meeting.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill relating to conveyances, gifts and contracts between husband and wife, which was returned to the Senate in non-concurrence under the ruling of the Chair of April 10, came down indorsed that the Senate adhered to its action. The Chair stated that in view of the recent ruling on said bill, no motion, under rule 47, could be entertained for further action thereon; and the bill was laid aside. Husband and wife.

The Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes came down with the indorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendment to the Senate amendment at [B]. On motion of Mr. Egleston of Westfield, the House voted to insist on its action and ask for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Rice of Danvers, Egleston of Westfield, and White of Boston were appointed on its part. Educational appropriations.

Sent up for concurrence.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

In relation to certain reports and statutes, and standard weights, measures and balances furnished to towns;

To incorporate the Montgomery Guard Association of the city of Boston; and

To abolish the office of overseer of the house of correction;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, on petitions, a Bill in relation to the New York and New England Railroad Company. Read, and ordered to a second reading. N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (recommitted) to incorporate the Trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and Old South.

to provide for the preservation of said meeting-house, ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the main question being on engrossment of the bill.

Motions to Reconsider.

Essex county courts.

A motion by Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill to establish district courts in the county of Essex was lost by a vote of 60 to 86.

Agricultural College.

Mr. Bird of Walpole moved a reconsideration of the vote by which an order relative to printing extra copies of the report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was yesterday adopted in concurrence. Under suspension of the rule, the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

Flats.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Resolves concerning the Commonwealth Flats at South Boston were discharged from the orders of the day. Read, and on further motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table, pending certain amendments recommended by the committee on Finance, the main question being on ordering the resolves to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Motions:

Of Mr. Tompkins of Boston, to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill to annex a part of the town of Saugus to the city of Lynn; and

Of Mr. Lee of Boston, to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the report (recommitted) of the chaplain of the State Prison;

Were severally lost.

Bills:

To abolish the office of coroner, and to provide for medical examinations and inquests in cases of death by violence (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance, with an amendment moved by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, and further amended on motion of Mr. Pillsbury);

To amend chapter 44 of the General Statutes, in rela-

tion to repair of highways, and to remedies for injuries sustained thereon (amended on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston);

Relating to the restraining and muzzling of dogs;

To give general equity jurisdiction to the supreme judicial court, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Goulding of Worcester); and the

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the system of administration of the public charities of this Commonwealth (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance);

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts, and before trial justices, and for abolishing certain district and police courts (amended on motions of Messrs. Pillsbury of Boston and Eddy of West Bridgewater); and

Concerning coöperative saving fund and loan associations;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad Company to issue preferred stock was further considered, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Company to issue bonds and mortgage its road was indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, pending amendments moved by Messrs. Wade of Newton and Osgood of Salem being withdrawn.

The Bill in relation to witnesses was read, and on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, pending the question on ordering it to a third reading.

The Bill to prevent double taxation in certain cases was read, and on motion of Mr. Rice of Danvers was laid on the table, the question being on ordering it to a third reading.

At 5.15, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 18, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Liquor law.

By Mr. Long of Hingham, petitions of Abraham Wood and Lucy Wood for a prohibitory liquor law.

Severally placed on file.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Plymouth,—

Pay-roll.

Ordered, That the committee on the Pay-Roll make up the pay-roll of the members of the House.

Last week of session.

The order offered yesterday relative to the last week of the session, and laid over, was adopted.

Hour of meeting.

The order relative to beginning morning sessions of the House at ten o'clock, also laid over yesterday, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Mellen of Worcester, pending amendments moved by Messrs. Dunham of Pittsfield and Washburn of Worcester.

Papers from the Senate.

Antietam Cemetery.

The petition of the Trustee for Massachusetts in the Antietam National Cemetery for authority to transfer to the United States government the interest of Massachusetts in the said cemetery, came down referred to the committee on Federal Relations, in which reference the House concurred.

Family Bank.

The House Bill to amend the charter of the Massachusetts Family Bank came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Bills.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of House Bills:

To fix the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Norfolk;

To amend chapter 130 of the Acts of the year 1867, relating to dog licenses; and

To incorporate the town of North Adams.

Railroad Commissioners.

A Bill to authorize the Railroad Commissioners to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony,

passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the committee on Harbors, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition of N. H. Dunphe and others for the restoration of the navigability of Green Harbor in the town of Marshfield, and the petition of N. H. Whiting and others for the repeal of section 4 of chapter 303 of the Acts of 1871, and recommending the reference of the same, with a bill recommended by the committee, to the joint special committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, was read and accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule. Green Harbor.

A Bill to provide for the redemption of the guarantee capital of mutual fire insurance companies, and for other purposes (reported on a communication from the Insurance Commissioner), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and ordered to a second reading. Mutual fire insurance companies.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the police court of Newburyport;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives;)

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of Salem with pure water;

To regulate the fisheries in the Weweantit River and its tributaries, and for stocking the same with shad and alewives;

In addition to an Act for supplying the city of New Bedford with pure water;

To authorize the city of Newton to lay out and maintain a main drain in Boston;

Relating to the sealing of weights and measures; and

To amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of a highway and bridge across Connecticut River at Turner's Falls;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Patrick Mihan (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Reports of Committees.

Overseers of the poor.

By Mr. Bryant of Pembroke, from the committee on Towns, that the Senate Bill in relation to overseers of the poor ought to pass, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Harbor and Land Commissioners.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on the Consolidation of Certain Commissions, on an order, a Bill to establish Boards of Harbor and Land Commissioners. Read, and ordered to a second reading.

By the same gentleman, from the committee on Rules and Orders, on an order, recommending the adoption of the following order:—

Rule 47.

Ordered, That House rule No. 47 be amended by striking out at the end of said rule the words, "and if an amendment to a House bill is received from the Senate, which amendment is substantially the same as a bill which has been rejected by the House, the Speaker shall direct the Clerk to indorse on the paper that the House nonconcurs in the amendment, and shall not entertain any motion for other action thereon."

Salaries of clerks of courts.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, reference to the next General Court, on the Bill (on leave) to provide salaries for clerks and assistant clerks of courts.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

Second District Court of Bristol.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the Second District Court of Bristol.

First District Court of Bristol.

On motion of Mr. Watts of Taunton, the Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the First District Court of Bristol at Attleborough.

Taxation of money on mortgages.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the Bill relating to taxation of money loaned upon mortgage.

Double taxation.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the Bill to prevent double taxation in certain cases.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill in relation to the New York and New England Railroad Company was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to the assessment and abatement of taxes was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relative to costs in actions under the trustee process was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. McCafferty of Worcester, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend section 4 of chapter 95 of the Acts of the year 1877, relating to birds, birds' eggs, deer and game, was read a third time and rejected; and notice was sent to the Senate.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the House proceeded to consider the

Special Assignment,

Being the Bill concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Sundry motions to close debate at a given time were rejected. At the request of Mr. Sleeper of Malden, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, being the engrossment of the bill. After extended debate, and pending the consideration of amendments moved by Messrs. Train and Pillsbury of Boston, the House, Liquor law.

At 5.10, adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 19, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Sessions of Wilbraham, was laid over on request of Mr. Osgood of Salem:—

Ordered, That no smoking be allowed in the rooms and halls connected with the Representatives' Chamber, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to strictly enforce this order. Smoking.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection of the House Bill to prevent the obstruction of the Square, in the town of Peabody. Peabody Square.

Bills:

Closing of tombs.

To amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes in respect to closing tombs in cities (being a new draft of a House bill); and

Power of sale mortgages.

To regulate the sales under power of sale in mortgages;

Passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To annex a part of the town of Medford to the town of Malden;

To amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for a union passenger station, and for the removal of railroad tracks from certain public ways and grounds in the city of Worcester;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To revise and amend the charter of the city of Springfield; and

To amend section 2 of chapter 127 of the Acts of the year 1861, for the protection of agricultural societies and farmers' clubs;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

State Prison inspectors.

By Mr. Cook of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the Annual Report of the Inspectors of the State Prison. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Factory inspectors.

By Mr. Mellen of Worcester, from the committee on Labor and Decennial Census, that the Bill (recommitted) relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings ought to pass in a new draft. Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Table.

Flats.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Resolves concerning the Commonwealth Flats at South Boston. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the Bill defining the manner in which mutual fire insurance companies shall transact business was discharged from the orders of the day. Read, and on further motion of Mr. Dunham, laid on the table, the question being on its engrossment. Mutual fire insurance companies.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill in relation to the New York and New England Railroad Company; and the Orders of the day.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the system of administration of the public charities of the Commonwealth;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered. Mr. Hill of Boston moved further amendments to the bill. Mr. Laws of Brockton moved to amend the pending amendment offered by Mr. Train of Boston. Mr. Wade of Newton moved to amend by substituting a new bill, entitled a Bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors; and an amendment to the latter bill was moved by Mr. Stickney of Groveland. Pending the various amendments offered, the main question being on engrossment of the bill, the House,

At 5 o'clock, adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 20, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham, a member of the House.

Order Laid Over.

The order laid over from yesterday, relative to smoking in rooms adjoining the Representatives' Chamber, was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester. Smoking.

Introduced on Leave.

Boston House of Reformation and Truant School.

By Mr. Prescott of Boston, a Resolve authorizing the issue of arms to the city of Boston for use in the house of reformation and truant school in said city. Read, and referred, under the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court, a motion by Mr. Prescott to suspend the rule being lost.

Papers from the Senate.

Qualification of voters.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Bill requiring overseers of the poor to make certain returns.

Tunnel report.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing extra copies of the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, being Senate Document No. 170.

Memorial statues.

The report of the committee on Federal Relations, no legislation necessary, on the report of the commissioners on the erection of certain memorial statues at the National Capitol, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Compensation of officers in attendance at court.

The report of the committee of conference on the matter of difference between the two branches, in the Bill relating to the employment and compensation of officers in attendance upon the superior court in the county of Suffolk, recommending that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment at [A], accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

The following order, reported by the committee on Printing, on an order, was adopted in concurrence under suspension of the rule:—

Tunnel report.

Ordered, That two thousand extra copies of the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad be printed and bound with suitable paper covers for the use of the Legislature.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relating to the proof of signatures;

To set off the town of Winthrop from the judicial district under the jurisdiction of the municipal court of East Boston;

To amend section 23 of chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876, in relation to the report of deposits in savings banks and institutions for savings;

Authorizing the treasurer of Worcester County to pay Benjamin D. Dwinnell for services and losses connected with the burning of Fitchburg Jail;

Authorizing the treasurer of Worcester County to pay William O. Brown for services connected with the burning of Fitchburg Jail;

To amend an Act relative to establishing shade-tree and cemetery funds in savings banks;

To amend section 15 of chapter 244 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to sales of public property;

Authorizing appeals from decisions of the Tax Commissioner in relation to the taxation of insurance companies;

Relating to partitions and sales of real estate by order of the probate courts;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives); and

Legalizing the laying out and alteration of certain ways in the town of Clinton;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves: Resolves passed.

Reimbursing sundry cities and towns for payments made on account of rent of armories;

Concerning the amendment to the Constitution relative to certain officers of Harvard College; and

Relating to the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the battle of Bennington, and in aid of erecting a monument in commemoration of the same;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives);

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Rice of Danvers, from the committee of conference to whom was referred the matter of disagreement between the two branches in the Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the subject. Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule. On motion of Educational expenses.

Mr. Wade of Newton, the House voted to ask for a new committee of conference, and Messrs. Wade of Newton, Washburn of Worcester, and Winship of Wakefield were appointed on its part. Sent up for concurrence.

Probate accounts.

By Mr. Allen of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill (on leave) to provide for a final settlement of probate accounts ought to pass in a new draft. Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Gloucester police court.

By Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, on a petition, a Bill to provide a clerk for the police court of Gloucester. Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill in relation to overseers of the poor was read, amended as recommended by the committee on Towns, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To give general equity jurisdiction to the supreme judicial court, and for other purposes; and

To provide for annual returns from literary, educational, benevolent, charitable, scientific and religious societies (amended on motion of Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill relating to ward officers in cities was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Hastings of Worcester, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole to reconsider the vote by which an order relative to printing extra copies of the report of the Trustees of the Agricultural College at Amherst was adopted in concurrence was lost.

The Bill concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered. On motion of Mr. Ingalls of Adams, the House voted to close the debate at twelve o'clock, noon.

The various amendments pending being first acted upon, certain of the amendments moved by Mr. Pillsbury of Boston were adopted. A motion by the same gentleman to strike out "lager bier" and "cider" from the list of liquors to be considered "intoxicating" within the intent of the bill was lost. The motion of Mr. Laws of Brockton to so amend the amendment offered by Mr. Train of Bos-

ton as to strike out the word "cider" from the list above referred to was lost by a vote of 50 to 107. The question was then put upon the motion of Mr. Train to strike out the words "ale, lager bier, cider." The yeas and nays were ordered, on request of Mr. Train, and the amendment was adopted, yeas 115, nays 110; the vote being as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Babson, Thomas M.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, Henry A.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cook, John H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Emery, Levi.
Flagg, George A.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.

Messrs. Glynn, Martin T.
Goulding, Frank P.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hill, Clément H.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Low, Francis.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.

Messrs. Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Read, William A.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Richards, Charles W.
Robinson, William.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Messrs. Train, William G.
Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Walsh, James L.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Winn, Henry.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cook, William H.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Messrs. Fairbank, John B.
Gerry, Charles F.
Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hillis, John.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Laws, Alfred.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Nash, Erastus M.

Messrs. Newton, Dexter.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Henry B.
Penney, Alonzo.
Pierce, Henry.
Rand, Oliver J.
Ray, James P.
Reed, George R.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel,
Stickney, Charles.
Messrs. Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Woodbury, Henry P.

Yeas, 115; nays, 110.

The motion of Mr. Hill of Boston to strike out sections 46, 47 and 48, establishing a state constabulary force, was lost by a vote of 99 to 99.

The motion of Mr. Stickney of Groveland to amend the bill offered by Mr. Wade of Newton as a substitute was lost. On Mr. Wade's request, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of substituting his bill, and the motion was lost, yeas 10, nays 204; as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Anthony, Job K.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barton, Henry A.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Messrs. Cogswell, John D.
Gray, Franklin.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Swett, Noah.
Whitmore, William G.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, John J.
Messrs. Babson, Thomas M.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.

Messrs. Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cone, George N.
Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Flagg, George A.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.

Messrs. Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Glynn, Martin T.
Goulding, Frank P.
Graham, James B.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hillis, John.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Low, Francis.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.

Messrs. Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Prescott, Charles J.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Roads, Samuel.
Robinson, William.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanborn, John C.
Sanderson, George W.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Iram.

Messrs. Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Train, William G.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Walker, Joseph.
Walsh, James L.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George A.
Wing, Daniel.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 10; nays, 204.

Upon the main question, of engrossment of the bill as amended (the yeas and nays having been previously ordered), the vote stood 106 yeas to 117 nays; and the bill was declared rejected. The vote was as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Babson, John J.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bradford, George.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cogswell, John D.
Cook, William H.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Flagg, George A.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gleason, William S.
Gray, Franklin.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hillis, John.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Knowlton, Hosea M.

Messrs. Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Penney, Alonzo.
Pierce, Henry.
Rand, Oliver J.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Reed, George R.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.

Messrs. Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Walden, Edwin.
Walker, Joseph.
Messrs. Warren, Alonzo.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Atherton, Samuel.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, Thomas M.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, Henry A.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bragg, Warren S.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cook, John H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Emery, Levi.
Fox, James W.
Messrs. Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Glynn, Martin T.
Goulding, Frank P.
Graham, James B.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hill, Clement H.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.

Messrs. Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Randall, David.
Read, William A.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanborn, John C.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thomas, Edward I.
Messrs. Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Wade, Levi C.
Walsh, James L.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George A.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 106; nays, 117.

Subsequently, Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was rejected; which motion was lost, without a count.

At 4.40, P. M., adjourned.

MONDAY, April 23, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was received and placed on file.

Petition Presented.

George White. By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, petition of George White for compensation as acting judge of probate for Suffolk County, *ad interim*. Referred, under the 20th joint rule, to the next General Court, a motion by Mr. Stone to suspend the rule being lost.

Papers from the Senate.

A Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hartwell (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance. C. H. Hartwell.

A Bill to amend section 17 of chapter 174 of the General Statutes, relating to sentence of convicts (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Sentence of convicts.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Bill to prevent frauds and abuses in the practice of law and the use of legal process. Attorneys.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To amend the charter of the Massachusetts Family Bank;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives;) and

In relation to the assessment and abatement of taxes;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of companies A and D of the First Battalion of Cavalry (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on the Annual Report of the Inspectors of the State Prison, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Bill to provide for a final settlement of probate accounts was read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To establish the salary of the justice of the Second District Court of Bristol; and

To authorize the holding of sessions of the First District Court of Bristol at Attleborough;

Were further considered, severally passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To abolish the office of coroner, and to provide for medical examinations and inquests in cases of death by

violence (amended on motions of Mr. Miller of Fitchburg and Mr. Pillsbury of Boston); and

To amend chapter 44 of the General Statutes, in relation to repair of highways, and remedies for injuries sustained thereon;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to make certain improvements in Boston Harbor, and authorizing the Harbor Commissioners to grant to said company certain flats in said harbor, was further considered, amended on motions of Messrs. Stone of Newburyport, Goulding of Worcester, and Peters and Walsh of Boston, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence; the title having been amended to read as above by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The Bill to establish an advisory board of women to the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury and of the State Primary School at Monson was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, and the title amended, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Further consideration of the Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of said meeting-house, was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston.

The Bill relating to the restraining and muzzling of dogs was read a third time and considered. Pending a motion of Mr. Wade of Newton to amend by substituting a Bill to prevent dogs from running at large, and a motion by Mr. Hastings of Worcester to amend, the House

At 5.10, adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 24, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Wade of Newton, was laid over on request of Mr. Osgood of Salem:—

Ordered, That the order requiring the Speaker to declare the House adjourned upon the completion of the business upon which it is engaged at five o'clock, P. M., is hereby rescinded. Adjournment.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bancroft of Boston, was laid over on request of Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford:—

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to make the necessary arrangements for the visit of the Legislature to Bennington, Vermont, on the sixteenth day of August next, for the purpose of taking part in the celebration of the centennial of the battle of Bennington. Battle of Bennington.

The following order, offered by Mr. Hill of Boston, was laid over on request of Mr. Thomas of Brookline:—

Ordered, That on and after Thursday, April 26, the morning sessions of the House shall begin at ten o'clock, and that on Saturdays there shall be, until otherwise ordered, a session from ten o'clock till half-past one, at which latter hour the Speaker shall declare the House adjourned. Morning sessions.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, a Bill relating to the engrossment of bills and resolves. On motion of Mr. Hill, the House voted to suspend the 20th joint rule to allow the consideration of the bill; and having been read, it was sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule. Engrossment of bills and resolves.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Boston (reported on a portion of the Governor's address), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Boston municipal courts.

The Bill to provide for annual returns from literary, educational, benevolent, charitable, scientific and religious societies, which was sent up for concurrence in certain House amendments, came down recommitted to the committee on Just and Equal Taxation; and the House concurred in the recommitment. Returns from literary and other societies.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, on a general order, a Bill making appropriations Appropriation bill, No. 7.

to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Read and ordered to a second reading.

Factory inspectors.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the same committee, that the Bill relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings ought not to pass.

W. Shanly.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly ought not to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on rejection.

Agricultural College.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College ought to pass; Mr. Bird of Walpole, of the committee, dissenting.

Railroad commissioners.

By Mr. Goulding of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill to authorize the Railroad Commissioners to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony, ought to pass.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bills:

Power of sale mortgages.

To regulate the sales under power of sale in mortgages;

Rights of redemption.

In relation to taking and selling rights of redemption on execution; and

Tombs in cities.

To amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes, in respect to closing tombs in cities;

Severally ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Motions to Reconsider.

First District Court of Bristol.

A motion by Mr. Watts of Taunton to reconsider the vote by which the Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the First District Court of Bristol at Attleborough was yesterday passed to be engrossed, was lost.

Boston Land Company.

A motion by Mr. Goulding of Worcester to reconsider the vote by which the Bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to make certain improvements in Boston Harbor, and authorizing the Harbor Commissioners to grant to said company certain flats in said harbor, was yesterday passed to be engrossed, was lost by a vote of 72 yeas to 104 nays, as follows, the yeas and nays having been ordered on request of Mr. Hill of Boston:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Anthony, Job K.
Atherton, Samuel.
Ayer, Edwin.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Canfield, Horace J.
Cobb, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cook, John H.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Dewey, Justin.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Gleason, William S.
Glynn, Martin T.
Goulding, Frank P.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lee, Henry.
Messrs. Lowe, Lewis G.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Enoch R.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Richards, James H.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Smith, Iram.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thomas, Edward I.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Babson, Thomas M.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Messrs. Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Warren A.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Brown, J. Henry.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cogswell, John D.

Messrs. Cook, William H.
Crossman, Edward J.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Flagg, George A.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hillis, John.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Johnson, Peter R.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lovell, John D.
Low, Francis.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Madden, Hugh A.
Marchant, William.
Melcher, George B.
Miller, Alfred.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.

Messrs. Penney, Alonzo.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Rice, Charles B.
Roads, Samuel.
Robinson, William.
Sanborn, John C.
Sanderson, George W.
Shaw, Josephus.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Swain, Charles B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Walden, Edwin.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 72; nays, 104.

Taken from the Table.

Mutual fire insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the Bill defining the manner in which mutual fire insurance companies shall transact business. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to provide for a final settlement of probate accounts was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Bill in relation to overseers of the poor was read a third time, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in an amendment adopted at a previous stage.

The Resolves concerning the Commonwealth flats at South Boston were further considered, amended as recommended by the committee on Finance, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the restraining and muzzling of dogs was further considered. The pending amendment, and a further amendment moved by Mr. Hastings of Worcester, were lost. The substitute bill offered by Mr. Wade of Newton was amended on motion of Mr. Newton of Holyoke, and rejected by a vote of 68 to 110. The bill was then amended on motion of Mr. Warren of Boston, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of said meeting-house, was further considered; Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington in the Chair, at the request of the Speaker, who is named as one of the corporators in the bill.

Mr. Johnson of Brookfield raised the point of order that the bill is improperly before the House, for the following reasons:—

First. Because the bill contains matter which is not within the scope of the petition, upon any fair construction; and no committee is competent to introduce any subject for the consideration of this House, which has not been previously referred to it by some action of the House.

Second. Because, if in any case it be competent for a committee to introduce any subject for legislation which has not been previously referred to it, it is clearly incompetent for any committee to do so when such introduction is in violation of rule 20 of the joint rules and orders adopted by this Legislature, which provides that all new subjects introduced after a time therein specified shall be referred to the next General Court.

Third. Because there has been no notice or waiver

thereof, as provided in rule 21 of said joint rules and orders, and in the General Statutes, chapter 2, section 8.

Mr. Osgood of Salem raised the point of order that whether the point of the gentleman from Brookfield was well taken or not, it was too late for the Chair to entertain it after the House had taken deliberate action on the bill by passing it to a third reading, and he called the attention of the Chair to a ruling of Mr. Speaker Sanford (House Journal of 1874, p. 367), that it was too late to raise the question that an amendment was not germane to a bill "after the consideration of the amendment had occupied the attention of the House a portion of two sessions"; and also to a ruling of Mr. Speaker Jewell (House Journal of 1870, p. 477), "that a question of order growing out of the character of the report of a committee should be entertained by the Chair and considered by the House if made at any time before deliberate action has been directly taken, as by amending a bill or resolve, or passing it to a third reading."

After extended debate, the Chair (Mr. Dewey) said that according to the established usage of the House, as he understood it, a bill which in some stage of its progress is recommitted and is afterwards reported back by the committee unaltered, but with amendments suggested, resumes its previous stage in the orders of the day; that the bill before the House having passed its third reading before it was sent out and reported back, the question now was on its engrossment; that the Chair, if he followed his own judgment alone, should hold that questions like those raised by the gentleman from Brookfield were competent to be entertained at any time while the measure was before the House; that such questions seemed to affect not only the actions of the House within itself, but the relations of the House and its proceedings to the people of the Commonwealth; and that it seemed to the Chair to be the duty of each and every member of the House at all times to see that its proceedings were in conformity to its rules and the principles of parliamentary law; but that the rulings (referred to by the member from Salem) of two previous Speakers appeared to be opposed to the views above expressed; that these rulings seemed applicable to the question which the Chair had to decide, and he felt bound to respect them; and that in accordance therewith he would rule that the point of

order raised by the member from Salem was well taken, and therefore that the points of order made by the member from Brookfield were made at too late a stage in the history of the bill, and could not be entertained by the Chair, and that the bill must be held to be regularly before the House.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the House Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 25, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders Laid Over.

The orders laid over from yesterday, relative to a visit by the Legislature to Bennington, Vt., and to the rescinding of the rule forbidding the taking up of new business after five o'clock, were severally adopted; and the former was sent up for concurrence. Battle of Bennington. Adjournment.

The order, also laid over, relative to beginning morning sessions of the House at ten o'clock, etc., was amended on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence by striking out the clause providing for a Saturday session, and as amended was adopted. Morning sessions.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill to provide a clerk for the police court of Gloucester ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. Gloucester police court.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee of conference on the matter of disagreement between the two branches in the Bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes, recommending that the bill ought to pass, with an amendment at [B], striking out the words "seventeen thousand," and inserting instead thereof the words "eight thousand five hundred." Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence. Educational expenses.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To incorporate the Fidelity Assurance Company of Massachusetts;

(Which originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To authorize the county commissioners of Bristol County to lay out highways and build bridges across Lee's River and Cole's River, in the towns of Somerset and Swanzey;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves:

Authorizing the State Board of Health to examine into the pollution of sources of water-supply, and report thereon; and

To provide for the construction of a storehouse at the state camp-ground, and the purchase of tents for the use of the militia;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

A Point of Order.

Compensation of members.

Mr. Bragg of Chicopee moved to take from the files a Resolve relating to compensation of members of the Legislature, introduced on leave at the session of 1876, and then referred under the 20th joint rule of that year to the next General Court; and further moved to refer the same to the committee on the Pay-Roll.

The Chair said that rule 45 forbids the introduction of a bill or resolve, except in certain specified ways; that unless the motion of Mr. Bragg were to be regarded as a motion for special leave to introduce the resolve referred to, it would be obnoxious to rule 45; and that, on the other hand, if it were so regarded, it came under the 20th joint rule as a "subject of legislation proposed or introduced after the first day of March," and must therefore "be referred to the next General Court." The House refused to suspend the 20th joint rule, four-fifths not voting in the affirmative.

Subsequently, Mr. Osgood of Salem raised the point of order, that the resolve having been referred to this General

Court by the General Court of 1876, it did not come within the 20th joint rule.

Decision of the Chair.

As this is a matter which pecuniarily affects every member of this body, I should much prefer to submit it to the House. But it is the duty of the Chair to decide questions of order, and I must decide this one, leaving it to any member, who desires to do so, to appeal from my decision to the House at large.

This is a resolve to add one hundred dollars to the pay of each member of the Legislature. It is a subject which is introduced into the Legislature on this twenty-fifth day of April, 1877, for the first time, fifty-six days since the 1st of March, when joint rule 20 became fully operative. Until this day, no member of either branch has formally suggested or presented it. But it is said that it was referred to this General Court by the General Court of 1876. But each annual General Court is an independent body in itself, beginning its existence by the vital force of the tenth article of amendment to the Constitution on the first Wednesday of January every year, and "*dissolved* on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January." Mark the force of the word *dissolved*, a word which means *decomposition*, so that Blackstone says, "A dissolution is the civil death of a parliament."

Now, if the General Court of 1876, by referring this resolve to the next General Court, introduced it into this General Court, when did that introduction occur? Certainly not when this resolve was so referred, for at that time this General Court did not exist; certainly it has not been so introduced or presented at any time since this session began, for no member has suggested it, until today; and the motion of Mr. Bragg, on which we are now passing, by its own terms in asking to take the resolve from the files of last year, recognizes the fact that it is not and never yet has been in the possession of this session, any more than if it were now slumbering among the dusty files of 1799 or of 1825. If it is in the possession of this session, where is the record which the Clerk of this session has made of it?

No analogy exists between this body and the supreme or superior court, which is never *dissolved*, but simply adjourns from term to term, and the clerk of which keeps

docket of every continued action, and is himself a continuing officer, not elected each term. When the General Court of 1876 referred this resolve to us, it did nothing more, of course, than it had power to do; its action was limited by its authority; and what authority or power had the General Court of 1876, any more than the city council of Boston or of Cambridge, to mould our order of business, to lay out our work, to define our legislation, to introduce matters for our consideration? If all the matters which that court had not time or inclination to consider, and which it, as a matter of courtesy or of wise disposition, referred to us, are now before us, beyond any power on our part to prohibit their introduction, because they are already introduced whether we will or no, then what safeguard have we against entertaining the whole legacy of abortive and incomplete legislation which the last session has bequeathed us. "Reference to the next General Court" is not a mandate to the next General Court, compulsorily directing and controlling its subject-matters of legislation; it is rather like *leave to withdraw*, or *no legislation necessary*, simply a reply to the petitioner or to the offerer of a bill, informing him that his matter will not be considered by the present court, but is referred to the next, at which he must appear and look after it, taking care that somebody bring it up and present or introduce it there. If one man or one body *refers* a matter to another man or another body, does that act of reference compel such other body to receive it; is such other man or body debarred from saying, "I won't receive this matter; I'll none of it; it is not before me unless I choose to receive it, and until *I* pass on the question of receiving it and exercise *my* choice in that respect, it is not in my possession"? Still more may he say this, if at the time of the reference he was not himself in existence.

It has been suggested that this is analogous to the reference by this House of a matter to one of its own committees. But it is hardly so. The committees of this House are its servants, and a reference to them is a command of which they must take notice and on which they are bound to act.

It has been urged that the constitutional provision that an amendment to the Constitution adopted at our General Court shall be referred to the next is significant. But I think not. There is nothing in the Constitution that re-

quires this General Court to take up and consider a constitutional amendment adopted by the last General Court. On the contrary, we may ignore it, or we may take it up and reject it; and, in either case, it fails, and in one case no less and no more than in the other.

It might be a matter of courtesy if joint rule 20 excepted matters referred to us from previous years, though I think we hardly expect it ourselves of our successors, for the matters we refer to them should be of weight enough to suggest themselves within the first two months of the next session. The question, however, is not one of courtesy, but of the construction of the language of a rule which makes no exception in favor of any one subject-matter over any other.

For these reasons, the precise point never having before, to my knowledge, been raised and decided when opportunity therefor has occurred, I must rule that this is a subject-matter of legislation presented and introduced this day for the first time, and that the House having refused to suspend the 20th joint rule, the resolve must be referred to the next General Court.

Mr. Osgood of Salem appealed from the decision of the Chair, subsequently stating his reasons for the appeal, as follows:—

The ruling of the Chair, that the motion to take from the files a resolve that had been referred by the General Court of 1876 to the next General Court could not be entertained after the time had passed within which new subjects of legislation could be proposed or introduced, except under a suspension of the 20th joint rule, in effect gives matters so referred no different standing in the next General Court from matters that have never been brought to its attention. Under such a construction, the reference of a resolve to the next General Court puts it in no better position, so far as its introduction in that court is concerned, than if it is indefinitely postponed or rejected. This could not have been the intention of the framers of House rule 78, where the motion to "refer to the next General Court" is given precedence over the motion to "postpone indefinitely."

The exact meaning of the words, "reference to the next General Court," has never, to my knowledge, been settled; nor has the question of the proper construction of the

phrase ever before been raised. It, therefore, seems important that we should carefully consider the subject now that it is brought to our attention, as our action will stand as a precedent for the guidance of our successors.

A bill referred by one General Court to the next has been treated differently, when called up in the General Court to which it was referred, from a bill introduced on leave by a member; as, for example, at the session of 1874, on May 7, Mr. Blaney of Peabody asked leave to introduce a bill concerning the Eastern Railroad Company, and moved a suspension of the 20th joint rule, which motion was lost, and the bill was referred to the next General Court. At the session of 1875, Mr. Blaney moved to take the bill from the files of last year and refer it to the committee on Railroads; the motion was carried, and the bill so referred. Now, if the bill had no standing in the General Court of 1875, the motion was not in order, being obnoxious to House rule 45, which prescribes that no bill shall be proposed or introduced unless received from the Senate, reported by a committee, or moved as an amendment to the report of a committee, or on special leave granted to a member. In this case I submit that the subject of legislation had already been referred to the General Court of 1875, and for that reason the motion was in order, and that the entry on the journal of the House in such a case is different from the entry in the case of a bill introduced on leave by a member.

Again, in 1876, an order was adopted by the House, "that the several resolves providing for amendment of the Constitution in relation to sheriffs, district attorneys, commissioners of insolvency, and clerks of courts, agreed to by the last General Court, be taken from the files, and referred to the joint special committee on Constitutional Amendments." Such a proceeding would not be in order under House rule 45, which does not permit the introduction of a bill or resolve by such an order, unless the resolve has already some standing at court.

It is the duty of the Clerk of the House, if a bill is referred to a committee, to indorse the fact thereon, and transmit it to the committee for their action; or, if an order is passed referring a matter to the board of Railroad Commissioners, to send them an attested copy of the order; and it would seem, that, having indorsed on a bill or resolve, "referred to the next General Court," and made

an entry to that effect in the journal, it is equally the duty of the Clerk to transmit such bill to the Clerk of the next General Court, who would then have it in his possession ready to be called up on motion of a member, in the same manner as matters lying on the table are taken therefrom; in either case requiring the vote of a majority of the members present to take it up before any other action can be taken thereon. It seems to me, therefore, that matters referred to the next General Court are constructively, at least, before the court at the opening of its session.

If the subjects referred to us by the last General Court are not deemed of sufficient importance to demand our attention, we are not obliged to consider them, and we cannot consider them except on the vote of a majority of the members, and this would seem to be a sufficient safeguard against our being burdened with matters we do not think it expedient to pass upon; but I submit, that a matter having been referred to us by the last General Court, it cannot be considered as a new subject, first suggested at the time the motion is made to take it up. The last General Court had a right to refer matters to us for our consideration. We have an equal right to refuse to consider them. But they are matters of which, if brought to our attention, we are bound to take official notice, and stand in a different relation from matters that might be referred to us from other legislative bodies.

See what Cushing says, sections 2065, 2066 and 2067, in reference to the introduction of a bill: "A third method of introducing a bill, which is of very frequent occurrence, is the reading, on motion, of some document or record. This form of proceeding is also proper with regard to every document or paper which is regularly in the possession of the House, whatever its character may be; as for example any entry in the journal of an order, resolution or other proceeding of the House, whether of the same or *of a former session*. When a document is of a public nature, but not one of which the House is bound to or can take official notice, as, for example, a proclamation of a local character, the course is first to cause a copy of the document to be laid before the House from the proper authorities." It will be seen that a difference is made between matters of which the House has official notice, by an entry on the journal of a former session, and those which are referred to it from outside bodies.

It has been suggested that "reference to the next General Court" was in effect like "leave to withdraw," or "no legislation necessary," but that can hardly be so. Take for example the provision of article nine of the amendments to the Constitution, which says: "If at any time hereafter any specific and particular amendment or amendments to the Constitution be proposed in the General Court, and agreed to by a majority of the Senators and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be entered on the journals of the two houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court then next to be chosen, and shall be published," and the amendment is printed in the blue-book with the indorsement of the Speaker of the House, that "the same is referred to the General Court next to be chosen." In this case it would seem that "reference to the next General Court" must mean something entirely different from "leave to withdraw," "no legislation necessary," or "indefinitely postponed," and that the Chair could not say that it was a subject-matter of legislation first proposed or introduced at the time when a member calls attention to the fact that such a measure has been referred to this General Court by the last, by moving to take up the resolve and consider it or refer it to a committee. It is undoubtedly true that, attention being called to the resolve, the House can refuse to consider it, or can consider and reject it, and that the effect is the same in either case. But one General Court has a right under the Constitution to refer such a matter to the next, and it would seem that the subject must be before the next General Court at its assembling, waiting only a motion to bring it to the attention of the House. If no motion is made before the General Court is prorogued, then the resolve fails in the same manner that a matter upon the table falls to the ground under like circumstances.

A motion to take from the files a bill or resolve referred to this General Court by the last, is equivalent to a motion that the House do now consider a subject which has been previously referred to it, and cannot, in my judgment, be construed as a request on the part of a member for special leave to introduce a bill or resolve. "Reference to the next General Court" certainly means something more than

a polite bowing of a petitioner or his bill out of court, in the case of the constitutional amendment, and it seems to me that it was intended to mean more than that in all cases. I submit, that "reference to the next General Court" brings the subject-matter so referred before the court, and if it is not considered, it is not because the subject is not in the possession of the court, but because no member of the House brings the fact that such a subject has been so referred to its attention, or the House refuses to proceed with it, as it has an equal right to do as regards any other matter that may be before it. While joint rule 20 might say that matters referred from the last General Court should not be taken up after a specified time, I submit that, in the absence of such a provision, it is competent for any member, at any time during the session, to call up a matter referred from the last General Court, and the House must consider it if a majority of the members are in favor of so doing, and that it cannot be excluded under joint rule 20, as a new subject of legislation.

The appeal of Mr. Osgood was sustained by a vote of 122 to 51, and the decision of the Chair reversed. The resolve was thereupon referred to the committee on the Pay-Roll.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

To provide for the redemption of the guarantee capital of mutual fire insurance companies, and for other purposes;

To regulate the sales under power of sale in mortgages;

In relation to taking and selling rights of redemption on execution;

To amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes, in respect to closing tombs in cities;

Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal court in the city of Boston;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolves concerning the Commonwealth Flats at South Boston were read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of said meeting-house, was further considered, Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington in the Chair. Mr. White of

Boston moved to amend the bill. Mr. Hill of Boston moved to close the debate at 11 o'clock to-morrow. Mr. Thayer of Boston moved to amend by fixing the hour at 12 o'clock, noon. Pending the various motions, the House,

At 5 o'clock, adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 26, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Bureau of statistics.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to assign the third floor of the building 33 Pemberton Square to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Engrossment of bills and resolves.

The Bill relating to the engrossment of bills and resolves, sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down concurred, and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

N. Y. & N. E. R. R.

The House Bill in relation to the New York and New England Railroad Company came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment to the title, in which the House concurred.

Judgment debtors.

A Bill relating to the arrest and examination of judgment debtors, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Register of voters.

A Bill to provide for the keeping of a register of voters in towns (being a new draft of the House Bill for the more accurate registration of voters in certain towns), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Report of a Committee.

Engrossment of bills and resolves.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill relating to the engrossment of bills and resolves ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the Bill in relation to the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston. Boston—street commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Swett of Wellfleet, the Bill in addition to an Act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes. Useful fishes.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the order relative to beginning morning sessions of the House at ten o'clock was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed, an order covering the same ground having been adopted yesterday. Morning sessions.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Revision of the Judicial System, reference to the next General Court, on the Bill (on leave) to provide salaries for clerks and assistant clerks of courts, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The order, reported by the committee on Rules and Orders, relative to amendment of House rule No. 47, was adopted.

Bills:

To establish boards of harbor and land commissioners (amended on motion of Mr. Wilder of Lowell); and

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bill defining the manner in which mutual fire insurance companies shall transact business was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for the redemption of the guarantee capital of mutual fire insurance companies, and for other purposes;

To regulate the sales under power of sale in mortgages;

In relation to taking and selling rights of redemption on execution;

To amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes, in respect to closing tombs in cities; and

Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal court in the city of Boston;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of said meeting-house, was further considered, Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington in the chair. A motion to close debate at half-past eleven o'clock was carried. The pending amendments moved by Mr. White of Boston were lost. The bill was then amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, and the yeas and nays being ordered on the main question on request of Mr. Tompkins of Boston, the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 176 yeas to 30 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Atherton, Samuel.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cone, George N.

Messrs. Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Delano, Obed.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gleason, William S.
Glynn, Martin T.
Goulding, Frank P.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.

Messrs. Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Holley, Richard.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Low, Francis.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Osgood, Henry B.
Penney, Alonzo.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.

Messrs. Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Robinson, William.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanborn, John C.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Torrey, Merritt.
Train, William G.
Turner, John.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Walsh, James L.
Warren, Alonzo.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.

Messrs. Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Messrs. Wing, Daniel.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Canfield, Horace J.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Dewey, Justin.
Fairbank, John B.
Flagg, George A.
Hillis, John.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, William B.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Merriam, Francis P.
Messrs. Montague, William H.
Perry, Baxter E.
Peters, William C.
Prescott, Charles J.
Shaw, Josephus.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Tompkins, William R.
Washburn, John D.
White, James.
Wilson, George A.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.

Yeas, 176; nays, 30.

Sent up for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Washburn of Worcester moved a reconsideration of the vote on engrossment of the bill, which motion was lost.

The Bill relating to taxation of money loaned upon mortgage was further considered, and, after debate, was rejected by a rising vote of 36 to 89.

At 5.05, adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 27, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Each session a legislative day.

Ordered, That to-day and hereafter each session of the House be considered a legislative day.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill to enable the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city, and for other purposes (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Boston—nuisance.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To amend section 85 of chapter 320 of the Acts of the year 1874, concerning rent of armories;

Relating to the employment and compensation of officers in attendance upon the superior court in the county of Suffolk;

For the better protection of children;

To authorize the Boston, Clinton, Fitchburg and New Bedford Railroad Company to issue preferred stock;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Making appropriations for the expenses of the Reformatory Prison for Women; and

Relating to the restraining and muzzling of dogs;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves: Resolves passed.

Relating to the indexing of the state archives; and

Relating to certain employés in the Adjutant-General's office;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hartwell ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon, the question being on rejection of the resolve. C. H. Hartwell.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of C. H. Ingalls and others for a union passenger depot in Green- Greenfield union passenger station.

field. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Motion to Reconsider.

Power of sale mortgages.

A motion by Mr. Pierce of Methuen to reconsider the vote by which the Bill to regulate sales under powers of sale in mortgages was yesterday passed to be engrossed in concurrence was lost.

Taken from the Table.

Boston Land Company.

On motion of Mr. Robinson of Chelsea, the report of the committee on Harbors, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the Boston Land Company for leave to exclude tide-water from certain marsh lands, and petitions in aid of the same, was taken from the table; and being considered, it was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

To amend section 17 of chapter 174 of the General Statutes, relating to sentences of convicts; and

Relating to the engrossment of bills and resolves;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill to prevent double taxation in certain cases was further considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Tompkins of Wrentham was adopted, and the yeas and nays being ordered on request of Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, the bill was rejected by a vote of 70 yeas to 85 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Anthony, Job K.
Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Messrs. Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.

Messrs. Bigelow, Abraham O.
Brown, J. Henry.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Canfield, Horace J.
Cook, John H.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dean, George A.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Flagg, George A.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gray, Franklin.
Hale, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, William B.
Lee, Henry.
Macomber, Pardon.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merritt, Simeon.
Newton, Dexter.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Messrs. Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perry, Baxter E.
Peters, William C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Richards, James H.
Smith, Peter D.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thomas, Edward I.
Tilton, John W.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walsh, James L.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
White, James.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilson, George A.
Wiswell, Joseph.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atherton, Samuel.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barker, Henry F.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Bryant, William H. H.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cook, William H.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Daniels, George F.
Messrs. Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Egleston, Francis S.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Gleason, William S.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hayden, George F.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Howard, William C.

Messrs. Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kinsman, William H.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Low, Francis.
Luther, Hale S.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, James H.
Osgood, Charles S.
Penney, Alonzo.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Read, William A.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Richards, Charles W.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanborn, John C.

Messrs. Sargent, Luther H.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Snow, Newell.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, William R.
Turner, John.
Walden, Edwin.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wheeler, John W.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 70; nays, 85.

The Bill relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings was considered. Pending the question on its rejection, the House

Adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Paper from the Senate.

District, police and municipal courts.

The House Bill concerning district, police and municipal courts came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with two amendments, in the first of which, at [A], the House non-concurred, concurring in the second, at [B].

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes;

To provide for the proper auditing of the expenses of legislative committees;

To establish the board of registrars of voters of the

city of Worcester, and to regulate the preparation and revision of the voting lists in said city;

To provide for the assignment of counsel and the attendance of certain witnesses in criminal trials of inmates of reform schools;

Relating to the Scituate beaches;

To authorize a more strict supervision of the business of pawnbrokers;

In addition to an Act establishing the city of Salem;

Relating to the temporary aid of state paupers by cities or towns;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To establish an advisory board of women to the Inspectors of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, the State Reform School at Westborough, and of the State Primary School at Monson;

In relation to overseers of the poor; and

To give general equity jurisdiction to the supreme judicial court, and for other purposes;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve providing for the supervision of statistics (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Industrial School for Girls.

By Mr. Train of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster.

Parker & Stevens.

By Mr. Noyes of Boston, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on a petition, a Resolve in relation to the claim of Parker and Stevens for masonry-work on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Divorces.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the Senate Bill relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State, with the House amendments thereto, recommending that the House should reconsider

and reject the amendments, and that the bill ought to pass in the form in which it came from the Senate.

The matter was at once considered, under suspension of the rule, the House took the action recommended on the amendments, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Motion to Reconsider.

Double taxation.

A motion by Mr. Wade of Newton, to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill to prevent double taxation in certain cases was laid on the table.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

To authorize the Railroad Commissioners to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony;

To provide a clerk for the police court of Gloucester (amended on motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham);

To provide for the keeping of a register of voters in towns; and

To enable the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city, and for other purposes; and the

Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

In relation to the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston (amended as moved by Mr. Prescott of Boston);

To establish boards of harbor and land commissioners; and

Relative to the engrossment of bills and resolves;

Were severally passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, the last two being read a third time.

The Bill to amend section 17 of chapter 174 of the General Statutes, relating to sentences of convicts, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of Charles H. Hartwell was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Finance.

Further consideration of the Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly was postponed until Tuesday next, on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the question being on rejection.

The Bill relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings was further considered, its rejection was negatived, and it was placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

At 4.25, adjourned.

MONDAY, April 30, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Boston, the House voted to suspend the 20th joint rule, to allow the consideration of the following order, offered by Mr. Thayer:—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by statute that a record of all matters referred by one General Court to the next, together with the accompanying papers, shall be transmitted by the Clerks of the two branches to their successors in office, who shall lay the same before the General Court to which they were referred, during the first week of its session. Matters referred to next General Court.

Sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To authorize the holding of sessions of the First District Court of Bristol at Attleborough;

To amend chapter 28 of the General Statutes, in respect to closing tombs in cities;

In relation to the Brookline station of the New York and New England Railroad Company;

Relative to costs under the trustee process;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To amend section 17 of chapter 174 of the General Statutes, relating to sentences of convicts;

In relation to taking and selling rights of redemption on execution;

To provide for the redemption of the guarantee capital

of mutual fire insurance companies, and for other purposes;

To regulate sales under powers of sale in mortgages;

Relating to the granting of divorces on petitions from inhabitants of this State; and

Relating to the civil jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Boston;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

Weymouth Fire District.

To dissolve the Weymouth Fire District, and to authorize the sale of its property (being a new draft of a House bill); and

Vineyard Grove Company.

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Vineyard Grove Company;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

Report of Prison Committee.

Of the committee on Prisons, on an order authorizing them to visit various prisons; and

Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Co.

Of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Bay State Transportation League, for an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon.

Savings banks.

The House Bill to amend chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to savings banks, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment to the title, in which the House concurred.

Reports of Committees.

State Industrial School.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster ought to pass; Mr. Bird, of the committee, dissenting. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon for a second reading.

A. W. K. Newton.

By Mr. Dewey of Great Barrington, from the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order and

petitions relative to the removal of A. W. K. Newton from the office of coroner. [A minority of the committee also presented their views, recommending that the papers in the case be laid before the Governor, with a view to the removal of said Newton from office.] Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon.

Proceedings affecting title to real estate.

By Mr. Fuller of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (recommitted) relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate ought not to pass. [Messrs. Hill and Wade of the committee dissented, recommending that the bill should pass with certain amendments.] Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Witnesses.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill in relation to witnesses ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon, the question being on rejection of the bill.

Taken from the Table.

Double taxation.

On motion of Mr. Thayer of Boston, the motion of Mr. Wade of Newton to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill to prevent double taxation in certain cases. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to provide a clerk for the police court of Gloucester was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the Railroad Commissioners to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony;

To provide for the keeping of a register of voters in towns (amended on motions of Messrs. Baley of Amesbury and Bird of Walpole, the amendment of Mr. Bird being amended on motion of Mr. Gerry of Hyde Park); and

To enable the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city, and for other purposes (amended on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston); and the

Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Enfield);

Were severally read a third time and passed to be

engrossed in concurrence, and the last three were sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings was read, amended on motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport, and ordered to a third reading.

At 5.05, adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 1, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Poll taxes.

Mr. Howard of Easton presented the petition of Enoch King and others of Raynham, for a law requiring that one-sixth of the taxes be assessed upon the polls. Referred under the 20th joint rule to the next General Court.

Report of a Committee.

Danvers Hospital.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the report of certain commissioners, in part, a Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth. Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The motion of Mr. Wade of Newton to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill to prevent double taxation in certain cases was lost.

The report of the committee on Prisons, on the order relative to visiting various prisons, was accepted in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to witnesses was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary; and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly was further considered. Pending the question on its rejection, the House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Wade of Newton,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Rules and Orders consider the expediency of an amendment to the joint rules, so that amendments to bills and resolves adopted in either branch shall be more effectually brought to the attention of the other branch of the Legislature.

Amendments to bills and resolves.

Sent up for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Prescott of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on an order and a remonstrance, a Bill with reference to the employment of persons confined at Deer Island and Rainsford's Island in Boston Harbor. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Deer Island and Rainsford's Island.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To amend chapter 203 of the Acts of the year 1876, relating to the taxable costs of savings banks in certain cases;

To fix the salary of the justice of the Second District Court of Bristol;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

To authorize the Railroad Commissioners to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony; and

In addition to an Act for encouraging the cultivation of useful fishes;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve authorizing the appointment of a commission to inquire into the expediency of revising the system of administration of the public charities of this Commonwealth (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

Taken from the Table.

Taxation.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to collection of taxes on mortgaged property, etc.; and the

Ibid.

Resolve authorizing the appointment of a joint special committee on Just and Equal Taxation, to sit during vacation.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Bay State Transportation League for an Act to incorporate the Boston and Chicago Railway Trust Company, was accepted in concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly was further considered. After debate, the yeas and nays were ordered on request of Mr. White of Boston, and the rejection of the resolve was negatived by a vote of 94 yeas to 104 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Atherton, Samuel.
Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Barker, Henry F.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cone, George N.
Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.

Messrs. Dean, George A.
Doane, Abiathar.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Gleason, William S.
Goulding, Frank P.
Hale, Charles.
Hallet, Charles.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Johnson, George W.

Messrs. Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Montague, William H.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Messrs. Sargent, Luther H.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Smith, Iram.
Snow, Samuel,
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Warren A.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Messrs. Curley, Daniel J.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Flagg, George A.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Gross, Frank S.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.

Messrs. Hartshorn, Henry M.
Huse, Caleb B.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lovell, John D.
Low, Francis.
Luther, Hale S.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Marchant, William.
Martin, Isaac B.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Miller, Alfred.
Mooney, Thomas.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Nash, Erastus M
Newton, Dexter.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Penney, Alonzo.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.

Messrs. Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Sanborn, John C.
Sanderson, George W.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilson, George A.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 94; nays, 104.

The resolve was placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow forenoon for its second reading.

The report of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, asking to be discharged from further consideration of an order and petitions relative to the removal of A. W. K. Newton from the office of coroner was considered. Mr. Hill of Boston moved to amend by substituting an order, as follows:—

Ordered, That the petitions of D. Humphreys Storer and others, and Samuel Fisher and others for the removal of Abiel W. K. Newton from the office of coroner, together with the documentary evidence presented to the joint special committee on the Revision of the Judicial System on the hearing of said petitioners, be laid before

His Excellency the Governor for such action as he may see fit to take thereon.

The motion to substitute was carried, and the order placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon, under rule 60.

The Bill relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate was further considered, its rejection was negatived, and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings was read a third time, amended on motions of Messrs. Sanborn of Lawrence, Laws of Brockton, Rice of Danvers, Hastings of Worcester, and Newton of Holyoke, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At 5.05, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 2, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Withrow of Boston.

Papers from the Senate.

District, police and municipal courts.

The House Bill concerning district, police and municipal courts, in a Senate amendment to which at [A] the House non-concurred, came down with the indorsement that the Senate insisted, and had appointed Messrs. Coffin, Kellogg and Ewing on a committee of conference. The House concurred in the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Hill of Boston, Rice of Danvers, and Fox of Boston were joined on its part.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

Stafford dam.

Of the committee on Federal Relations, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to appropriating a sum of money for the relief of those suffering from the recent breaking of a dam in Stafford, Connecticut; and

Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western R. R.

Of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway for permission to use the Hoosac Tunnel, etc.;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon.

Soldiers' Home.

A Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts; and a

Antietam Cemetery.

Resolve in relation to the Antietam Cemetery in the State of Maryland;

Reported on petitions, and severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Local option.

A Bill in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors (reported on an order) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, the Bills:

Danvers Hospital.

In further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth; and

Ibid.

Concerning the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Just and Equal Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to collection of taxes on mortgaged property, etc., was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The order substituted for the report of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, relative to removing A. W. K. Newton from the office of coroner, was adopted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the employment of persons confined at Deer Island and Rainsford's Island in Boston Harbor was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster was read a third time, amended on motions of Messrs. Dunham of Pittsfield, Bird of Walpole, and Mann of Randolph, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate was further considered, amended as recommended by the minority of the committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve authorizing the appointment of a joint special committee on Just and Equal Taxation, to sit during vacation, was read, amended on motion of Mr. Mellen of Worcester, and rejected, 72 to 76.

The Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly was read and considered. Pending an amendment moved by Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, to reduce the sum named in the resolve to $100,000, and a motion by Mr. Bragg of Chicopee, to make the sum $65,000, the main question being on ordering to a third reading, the House.

At 1 o'clock, adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Taken from the Files.

On motion of Mr. Tuttle of Milford, the petition of the town of Milford for authority to take water from Charles River was taken from the files and referred to the next General Court. Milford water-supply.

Motion to Reconsider.

A motion by Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence, to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Resolve authorizing the appointment of a joint special committee on Just and Equal Taxation, to sit during vacation, was lost. Taxation.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing one thousand extra copies of Senate Document No. 180, being the report of the State Auditor relative to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel. T. & G. R. R.—Auditor's statement.

A Bill in addition to an Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston (reported on a bill on leave), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Boston parks.

The Bill concerning coöperative saving fund and loan associations came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred. Loan and building associations.

The Bill to provide for the keeping of registers of voters in towns, sent up for concurrence in certain House amend-

ments, came down indorsed that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the House voted to insist, and ask for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Dunham, Bird of Walpole, and Baley of Amesbury were appointed on its part. Sent up to be joined.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the payment of state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and the families of deceased soldiers (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of a Committee.

Chronic insane.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the report of the Board of State Charities, in part, a Bill establishing an asylum for the chronic insane; and a Resolve in favor of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

Severally read; and the bill was ordered to a second reading, and the resolve referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Federal Relations, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to appropriating a sum of money for the relief of those suffering from the recent breaking of a dam in Stafford, Connecticut; and

Of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway for permission to use the Hoosac Tunnel, etc.;

Were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts; and the

Resolve in relation to the Antietam Cemetery in the State of Maryland;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate (amended on motion of Mr. Cobb of Dedham); and

Relative to the employment of persons confined at Deer Island and Rainsford's Island in Boston Harbor;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, and ordered to a third reading.

Further consideration of the Bill concerning the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester.

The Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly was further considered. The pending motions to amend by reducing the sum named in the resolve were lost. A further amendment, moved by Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, was adopted, providing that the sum named should be in full for all claims of every name and nature, and that no payment should be made by the treasurer under the resolve until said Shanly should in writing discharge all claims, and agree to make no further claim against the Commonwealth or to any future legislature; and, the yeas and nays being ordered on request of Mr. White of Boston, the resolve was rejected by a vote of 93 yeas to 99 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Warren A.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.

Messrs. Davis, Charles W.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Ellis, William F.
Emery, Levi.
Flagg, George A.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Howard, William C.

Messrs. Huse, Caleb B.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Luther, Hale S.
Madden, Hugh A.
Marchant, William.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Miller, Alfred.
Mooney, Thomas.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, Dexter.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Penney, Alonzo.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Messrs. Rand, Oliver J.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, James H.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Swain, Charles B.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Torrey, Merritt.
Train, William G.
Turner, John.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilson, George A.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Atherton, Samuel.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cook, John H.
Messrs. Cook, William H.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Glynn, Martin T.
Hale, Charles.
Hallet, Charles.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.

Messrs. Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Johnson, George W.
Kimball, Ensign.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Montague, William H.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Roads, Samuel.
Messrs. Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Iram.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Wade, Levi C.
Washburn, John D.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilder, Henry H.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Woodbury, Henry P.

Yeas, 93; nays, 99.

At 4.45, the House Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 3, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Mr. White of Boston, a member of the House.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Rice of Danvers, was referred to the next General Court, a motion to suspend the 20th joint rule being lost:—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider if any legislation is necessary with respect to authority of the town of Windsor to reëstablish the district system of schools. Windsor.

Reports of Committees.

Local option.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and the bill placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon for a second reading.

District, police and municipal courts.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee of conference on the matter of disagreement between the two branches in the House Bill concerning district, police and municipal courts, recommending that the House concur in the Senate amendment at [A], with an amendment. Read and placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon.

Motions to Reconsider.

Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western R. R.

Mr. Winn of Buckland moved to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted (in concurrence) the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway for permission to use the Hoosac Tunnel, etc. The gentleman stated that if the motion should prevail, he would move to amend by substituting for the report a Bill to incorporate the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway Company, and to authorize the consolidation of the said corporation with the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway of New York, so as to form a through line of railroad from Boston to Lake Ontario, and to use the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. On a further motion of Mr. Winn, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table, and the bill named was ordered to be printed.

W. Shanly.

Mr. Flagg of Millbury moved to reconsider the vote by which the Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly was yesterday rejected. The yeas and nays were ordered, on request of Mr. Bird of Walpole, and the motion was lost, 87 yeas to 100 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Granville S.
Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Messrs. Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.

Messrs. Bickford, Charles D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Davis, Charles W.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Emery, Levi.
Flagg, George A.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lee, Henry.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
Marchant, William.
Melcher, George B.
Miller, Alfred.
Messrs. Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, Dexter.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Penney, Alonzo.
Pierce, Darius.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, James H.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Swain, Charles B.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Torrey, Merritt.
Walsh, James L.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilson, George A.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Atherton, Samuel.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Messrs. Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.

Messrs. Cogswell, John D.
Cone, George N.
Daniels, George F.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Johnson, George W.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.

Messrs. Montague, William H.
Newton, James H.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Read, William A.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Richards, Charles W.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Iram.
Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tompkins, William R.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, John D.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.

Yeas, 87; nays, 100.

Papers from the Senate.

Bennington trophies.

A Resolve concerning the trophies of the battle of Bennington now in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and received in concurrence under suspension of the 20th joint rule.

The House Bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to make certain improvements in Boston Harbor, and authorizing the Harbor Commissioners to grant to said company certain flats in said harbor, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence with amendments. The House concurred in the amendment at [A], and in the amendment at [B] with an amendment. Sent up for concurrence in the amendment to the Senate amendment. Boston Land Co.

The House Bill to amend an Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment substituting a new section for section 1, in which the House concurred. Subsequently, Mr. Brackett of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred, which motion was rejected. Associations for religious, etc., purposes.

A Resolve in favor of Thomas Cahill, substituted by the Senate for the report, leave to withdraw, of the committee on Claims, and passed to be engrossed, was read and ordered to a second reading, under suspension of rule 42, moved by Mr. Bird of Walpole. T. Cahill.

Orders of the Day.

The Resolve in relation to the Antietam Cemetery in the State of Maryland was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Bill concerning the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers was further considered. Pending a motion to amend by Mr. Bird of Walpole, the bill was laid on the table on further motion of that gentleman, the main question recurring on its engrossment.

The Bill establishing an asylum for the chronic insane was read, amended on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to an Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston was read and considered. Pending the question on ordering it to a third reading, the House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

State Industrial School.

A report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on the Twenty-First Annual Report of the Trustees of the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster, was read and accepted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule.

Weymouth water.

The report of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the selectmen of Weymouth for leave to take water from Great Pond for domestic purposes, taken from the Senate files, was referred in concurrence to the next General Court.

Public commons and parks.

The House Bill for the protection of public commons and parks came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was read, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, pending a motion by Mr. Hastings of Worcester to amend, the main question being on engrossment of the bill.

The report of the committee of conference on the matter of disagreement between the two branches on the House Bill concerning district, police and municipal courts, recommending that the House concur in the Senate amendment at [A], with an amendment, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in addition to an Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston was further considered, amended on motions of Messrs. Pillsbury and Hill of Boston and Bird of Walpole, and rejected, 78 to 87. Notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors was read a second time and considered. Pending amend-

ments moved by Messrs. Hill, Babson and Turner of Boston, Hastings of Worcester, Carll of Lowell, Egleston of Westfield, Wade of Newton, Bird of Walpole, Sanborn of Lawrence, Dewey of Great Barrington, and Davis of Templeton, the House at 5.15

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 4, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to enforce the provisions of chapter 303 of the Acts of the year 1871, in relation to Green Harbor in Marshfield; and a — Green Harbor.

Resolve concerning the trophies of the battle of Bennington, now in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol; — Bennington trophies.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read and ordered to a second reading, the latter under suspension of the 42d rule.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: — Bills enacted.

To provide for a final settlement of probate accounts; and

Defining the manner in which mutual fire insurance companies shall transact business;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Resolves concerning the Commonwealth Flats at South Boston (which originated in the House of Representatives), were passed, signed, and sent to the Senate. — Resolves passed.

Motion to Reconsider.

A motion by Mr. Hill of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill in addition to an Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston was lost, 63 to 64. — Boston parks.

Reports of Committees.

Boston Harbor compensation fund.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to transferring the compensation fund for Boston Harbor to one of certain sinking funds.

Paupers.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the Bill concerning the settlement of paupers.

Boston sinking funds.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to changes in the laws governing the sinking funds of the city of Boston.

Judgment debtors.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the Bill relating to the arrest and examination of judgment debtors.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, ought to pass:

Taxes and voters.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, on the Senate Bill to extend the times for the assessment of taxes, and for registering voters in particular wards of cities.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, on the Senate Bills,—

Weymouth Fire District.

To dissolve the Weymouth Fire District, and to authorize the sale of its property; and

Vineyard Grove Co.

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Vineyard Grove Company.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon for a second reading.

Reports of the same committee, ought to pass with amendments:

N. E. Trust Co.

By Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, on the Bill to amend the charter of the New England Trust Company.

Chapin Banking and Trust Co.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, on the Bill to amend the charter of the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield.

Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, on the Bill to amend the charter of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon, the main question on each bill being on ordering to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors was further considered. After debate, pending amendments moved by Messrs. Hill of Boston, Carll of Lowell, Egleston of Westfield, Dewey of Great Barrington, and Davis of Templeton were adopted, other pending amendments being lost. The bill was further amended on motions of Messrs. Brackett of Boston and Stone of Newburyport; and a motion by Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, to refer to the next General Court, was lost, 79 to 111. The yeas and nays were ordered, on request of Mr. Fox of Boston, and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 122 yeas to 77 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Babson, John J.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bryant, William H. H.
Carll, Francis.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.

Messrs. Gerry, Charles F.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Marchant, William.
Martin, Isaac B.
Merrill, Frederick W.

Messrs. Merritt, Simeon.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Enoch R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Penney, Alonzo.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Smith, Iram.

Messrs. Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Samuel.
Stickney, Charles.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Tilton, John W.
Torrey, Merritt.
Train, William G.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Walker, Joseph.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George C.
Wing, Daniel.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, Thomas M.
Barton, Henry A.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chase, Charles H.
Cone, George N.
Cook, John H.
Cook, William H.
Cornish, Israel C.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.

Messrs. Dacey, Timothy.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Emery, Levi.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.

Messrs. Keyes, Patrick.
Lee, Henry.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Miller, Alfred.
Mooney, Thomas.
Murphy, James T.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Prescott, Charles J.
Read, William A.
Messrs. Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Snow, Newell.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Walsh, James L.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 122; nays, 77.

Adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Fuller of Boston,—

Ordered, That a message be sent by the two branches requesting His Excellency the Governor to return the Bill to regulate the sales under powers of sale in mortgages. Power of sale mortgages.

Sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, from the committee of conference to whom was referred the matter of disagreement between the two branches in the Bill to provide for the keeping of registers of voters in towns, recommending that the Senate recede from its non-concurrence in the House amendments. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence. Registers of voters in towns.

By Mr. Bartlett of Peabody, from the committee on the Pay Roll, who were instructed to make up the list of compensation to members for cost of travel, the following order, with accompanying schedule:—

Cost of travel.

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the amount of $331.71 is due to the members of the House of Representatives for expenses of travel at the present session of the General Court is approved, and that the schedule be sent to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and the order adopted.

Parker and Stevens.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in relation to the claims of Parker and Stevens for masonry-work on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad ought to pass, with an amendment.

N. Y. & N. E. R. R. securities.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to selling securities of the New York and New England Railroad in the hands of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, recommending the adoption of an order, as follows:—

Ordered, That a committee, consisting of three on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed, with authority to sit during the recess, and to report to the next session of the Legislature what action it may be expedient for the State to take in relation to its investment in the stock and securities of the New York and New England Railroad; and to this end, it shall be competent for this committee to extend its inquiry to all matters that may affect the question.

Mr. Bird, of the committee, dissented, recommending the passage of a Resolve relating to securities held by the Commonwealth in the New York and New England Railroad.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on Finance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to transferring the compensation fund for Boston Harbor to one of certain sinking funds; and

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to changes in the laws governing the sinking funds of the city of Boston; and

Reference to the next General Court, on the Bill concerning the settlement of paupers;

Were severally accepted.

The Bill to dissolve the Weymouth Fire District, and to

authorize the sale of its property, was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve concerning the trophies of the battle of Bennington now in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol was read; and on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the rules were suspended, and the resolve read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of Thomas Cahill was read, and amended on motion of Mr. Heywood of Worcester. After debate, the yeas and nays being ordered on request of Mr. White of Boston, the resolve was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 77 yeas to 60 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Babson, Thomas M.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chapin, Nahum.
Cone, George N.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Crossman, Edward J.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Dacey, Timothy.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hartshorn. Henry M.
Heustis, Milton L. P.

Messrs. Hillis, John.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, John F.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Henry.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Rice, Charles B.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Snow, Samuel.
Swain, Charles B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tompkins, Dexter A.

Messrs. Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Watts, William.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Messrs. Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atherton, Samuel.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Carll, Francis.
Chase, Charles H.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cook, John H.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Fairbank, John B.
Flagg, George A.
Hale, Charles.
Hallet, Charles.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Kimball, Ensign.
Laws, Alfred.
Lee, Henry.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Mackintosh, James.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Messrs. Martin, Isaac B.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Richards, Charles W.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sargent, Luther H.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Swett, Noah.
Thomas, Edward I.
Torrey, Merritt.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilder, Henry H.
Winship, Thomas.

Yeas, 77; nays, 60.

The Bill establishing an asylum for the chronic insane was read, and pending the question on its engrossment, the House

At 5 o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, May 7, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bird of Walpole, was laid over on request of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston :— Evening sessions.

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday, the 8th instant, sessions of the House shall be held in the evening at half-past seven o'clock.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To abolish the office of coroner, and to provide for medical examinations and inquests in cases of death by violence;

To amend an Act concerning associations for religious, charitable, educational and other purposes;

Relative to the employment of persons confined at Deer Island and Rainsford's Island in Boston Harbor;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To provide for annual returns from literary, educational, benevolent, charitable, scientific and religious societies;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in relation to the Antietam Cemetery, in the State of Maryland (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, the vote by which the Bill to provide for annual returns from literary, educational, benevolent, charitable, scientific and religious societies was passed to be enacted was reconsidered. On further motion of Mr. Hill, the further consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow, pending the recurring question on enactment. Returns from literary, etc., associations.

Papers from the Senate.

Hoosac Tunnel and T. & G. R. R.

A Bill to further define the policy of the Commonwealth in regard to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad (reported on a portion of the Governor's address), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

The following order, reported by the committee on Printing, was adopted in concurrence, under suspension of the rule:—

Auditor's statement on Tunnel, etc.

Ordered, That there be printed one thousand extra copies of the statement of the Auditor relative to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, the same being Senate Document No. 180.

Boston parks.

A Bill in addition to an Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston, introduced on leave in the Senate and there considered under suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down for concurrence in such suspension. The bill was read, and, on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, further consideration of the subject was postponed until to-morrow, and the bill was ordered to be printed.

Soldiers' Home.

The Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, sent up for concurrence in a House amendment, came down indorsed that the Senate non-concurred in the amendment. On motion of Mr. Ellis of Melrose, the House voted to recede from its amendment.

Highway damages.

The Bill to amend chapter 44 of the General Statutes, in relation to the repair of highways and remedies for injuries sustained thereon, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments. After debate, motions by Mr. Winn of Buckland to concur were lost, and the bill was returned indorsed accordingly.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

To enforce the provisions of chapter 303 of the Acts of the year 1871, in relation to Green Harbor in Marshfield;

To extend the times for the assessment of taxes, and for registering voters in particular wards of cities; and

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Vineyard Grove Company;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the Bill relating to the arrest and examination of judgment debtors, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston.

The Bill to dissolve the Weymouth Fire District, and to authorize the sale of its property, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill establishing an asylum for the chronic insane was further considered, and a motion by Mr. Washburn of Worcester to amend by substituting a new bill (with the same title) was carried. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon, under rule 60, the question being on engrossment.

The bills:

To amend the charter of the New England Trust Company;

To amend the charter of the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield; and

To amend the charter of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company;

Were further considered, amended in each case as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and severally ordered to a third reading.

At 5.15, adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 8, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

The order relative to evening sessions of the House, laid over yesterday, was rejected. Evening sessions.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

Relating to the engrossment of bills and resolves; and

To fix the salary of the first clerk in the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve concerning the trophies of the battle of Bennington now in the Senate Chamber of the capitol (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The House bills:

Factory inspectors.

Relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings; and

Old South.

To incorporate the Trustees of the Old South Meeting-house in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of said meeting-house;

Severally came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, in which the House concurred, in the latter case under suspension of the rule. The title of the latter bill was so amended as to read "Bill to incorporate the Old South Association in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the Old South Meeting-house."

Power of sale mortgages.

The Bill to regulate sales under powers of sale in mortgages, returned by the Governor to the Senate in response to an order of the two branches, came down amended by the Senate under suspension of rules. The House concurred, with an amendment; and the bill was sent up for concurrence in the amendment to the amendment.

Reports of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, accepted by the Senate:

Freight rates on T. & G. R. R.

Inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to freight rates to be charged to corporations using the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and

Railroad station at North Adams.

Reference to the next General Court, on the petition of James Hunter and others for suitable passenger and freight accommodations at North Adams;

Were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon.

Report of a Committee.

State House.

By Mr. Taylor of Haverhill, from the committee on the State House, under authority of section 9 of chapter 5 of the General Statutes, a Resolve providing for repairs on the State House. Read, and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Bills:

To enforce the provisions of chapter 303 of the Acts of the year 1871, in relation to Green Harbor Marsh in Marshfield;

To extend the times for the assessment of taxes, and for registering voters in particular wards of cities; and

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Vineyard Grove Company;

Were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill establishing an asylum for the chronic insane was further considered, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors was read a third time and considered. A motion to close debate at 12.30 o'clock was carried. The bill was amended on motions of Messrs. Stone of Newburyport, Wilder of Lowell, Bridges of Deerfield, Wade of Newton, Smith of Gloucester, and Hill, Allen and Pillsbury of Boston. On the request of Mr. Merrill of Salisbury, the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and the roll being called, the bill was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 120 yeas to 85 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Allen, Stillman B.
Atherton, Samuel.
Babson, John J.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bragg, Warren S.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Messrs. Crocker, Samuel E.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Delano, Obed.
Doane, Abiathar.
Donald, William C.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, Theodore W.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fairbank, John B.
Flagg, George A.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gleason, William S.
Hallet, Charles.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.

Messrs. Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton Nathaniel A.
Osgood, Henry B.
Patch, Edwin.
Penney, Alonzo.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pope, Charles G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Reed, George R.
Messrs. Rice, Charles B.
Richards, James H.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sanderson, George W.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Samuel.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Wade, Levi C.
Walden, Edwin.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilder, Henry H.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Anthony, Job K.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, Thomas M.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, Henry A.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Messrs. Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chase, Charles H.

Messrs. Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Cone, George N.
Cook, William H.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Egleston, Francis S.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kinsman, William H.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Messrs. Miller, Alfred.
Murphy, James T.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.
Peters, William C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Prescott, Charles J.
Read, William A.
Richards, Charles W.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Snow, Newell.
Stone, Eben F.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Train, William G.
Walsh, James L.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 120; nays, 85.

The Speaker announced that he should be absent in the afternoon, and designated Mr. Hale of Boston to occupy the Chair.

Messrs. Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
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Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
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Penney, Alonzo.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
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Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Ray, James P.
Reed, George R.

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Richards, James H.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
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Sargent, Luther H.
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Messrs. Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Cone, George N.
Cook, William H.
Crossman, Edward J.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Draper, Francis M.
Egleston, Francis S.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Fuller, Henry W.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kinsman, William H.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Messrs. Miller, Alfred.
Murphy, James T.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Charles S.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Perry, John C.
Peters, William C.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Prescott, Charles J.
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Richards, Charles W.
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Sleeper, Solomon S.
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Stone, Eben F.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
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Walsh, James L.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitaker, John B.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 120; nays, 85.

The Speaker announced that he should be absent in the afternoon, and designated Mr. Hale of Boston to occupy the Chair.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Hale of Boston in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn,—

Special justices.

Ordered, That the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court be requested upon the following questions of law, viz.: *First*, Is a special justice of a municipal, district or police court such a judge as the eighth article of amendment to the Constitution declares shall not have a seat in the House of Representatives? *Second*, If the first question is answered in the affirmative, does the acceptance of the legislative vacate the judicial office?

Introduced on Leave.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, a Bill to establish the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Read, and on motion of Mr. Osgood the 20th joint rule was suspended to allow its further consideration. Sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

Reports of Committees.

Printing of public documents.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill concerning the printing and distribution of public and certain other documents ought to pass in a new draft.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital ought to pass in a new draft.

Manufacturing and other corporations.

By Mr. Ellis of Springfield, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a portion of the Tax Commissioner's Report, a Bill to amend chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870, entitled an Act concerning manufacturing and other corporations.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Railroad station at North Adams.

On motion of Mr. Ingalls of Adams, the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reference to the next General Court, on the

petition of James Hunter and others for suitable passenger and freight accommodations at North Adams, was discharged from the orders of the day. Mr. Ingalls then moved to amend by substituting a Bill to provide for the construction of a union passenger depot at North Adams; and on his further motion the bill was ordered to be printed and the matter was restored to its place in the orders of the day.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Resolve in relation to the claims of Parker and Stevens for masonry-work on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad was read, amended as recommended by the committee on Finance, and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Finance, on an order relative to selling securities of the New York and New England Railroad in the hands of the Treasurer, recommending the adoption of an order, was considered, the order amended on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of Thomas Cahill was read a third time. After debate, and pending a motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole to amend by substituting a new resolve, the main question being on engrossment, the House, at 5.30,

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 9, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill for the protection of public commons and parks (which originated in the House of Representatives) was passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolution.

Mr. Hale of Boston offered a resolution on the death of the Hon. Francis B. Crowninshield, as follows:—

F. B. Crowninshield.

Resolved, That this House has heard with deep regret of the death of the Hon. Francis B. Crowninshield, for

many years a prominent member of the House, and for two years its Speaker, and that a committee of five be appointed to attend his funeral.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Hale of Boston, Lee of Boston, Johnson of Brookfield, Smith of Salem, and Roads of Marblehead, as the committee.

Report of a Committee.

Railroad commissioners.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on the Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Motion to Reconsider.

Special justices.

Mr. Hill of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday adopted an order requesting the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court on certain points relative to the election of special justices to seats in the House of Representatives. On motion of Mr. Thayer of Boston, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Taken from the Table.

Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western R. R.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the motion of Mr. Winn of Buckland to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway for permission to use the Hoosac Tunnel, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day next preceding the Bill to further define the policy of the Commonwealth in regard to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Tunnel.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Noyes of Boston, both these matters were assigned for consideration at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to amend chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870, entitled an Act concerning manufacturing and other corporations; and the

Resolve in favor of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

The bills:

To amend the charter of the New England Trust Company;

To amend the charter of the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield; and

To amend the charter of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company;

Were severally read a third time, amended on motions of Mr. Thomas of Brookline, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in relation to the claims of Parker and Stevens for masonry-work on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to freight rates to be charged to corporations using the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was accepted in concurrence.

Consideration of the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of James Hunter and others for suitable passenger and freight accommodations at North Adams was postponed until the afternoon on motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem.

The Bill to provide for annual returns from literary, educational, benevolent, charitable, scientific and religious societies was further considered, and, on motion of Mr. Hill of Boston, was referred to the next General Court.

The Bill in addition to an Act for the laying out of public parks in or near the city of Boston was further considered, and after debate the House refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 20th joint rule.

The Resolve in favor of Thomas Cahill was further considered. The pending motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole to amend by substituting a new resolve was carried; and the yeas and nays being ordered on request of Mr. White of Boston, the resolve was rejected, yeas 89, nays 101. The list was as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Ayer, Edwin.
Barnes, Charles E.
Barton, Henry A.
Messrs. Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.

Brockton, the main question being on ordering to a third reading, the House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

In regard to the manufacture, storage, use, transportation and sale of explosive compounds;

Relating to ward officers in cities;

Concerning district, police and municipal courts;

Concerning justices of the peace and trial justices;

To authorize the Boston Land Company to make certain improvements in Boston Harbor, and authorizing the Harbor Commissioners to grant to said company certain flats in said harbor;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes;

In amendment of an Act relating to elections;

To provide a clerk for the police court of Gloucester;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To enable the city of Boston to abate a nuisance existing therein, and for the preservation of the public health in said city, and for other purposes;

(Which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

State printing.

A Resolve in relation to the state printing (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Appeals in district and certain other courts.

The House Bill concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts and before trial justices, and for abolishing certain district and police courts, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with amendments, which were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Bill to establish the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms, sent up for concurrence in suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down concurred. On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the rule requiring its reference to a committee was suspended, and the bill was placed in the

orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon for a second reading.

Special Assignment.

At half-past two o'clock the House proceeded to consider the matters specially assigned for that hour.

The motion of Mr. Winn of Buckland to reconsider the vote by which the House accepted the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western Railway for permission to use the Hoosac Tunnel was lost. Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Western R. R.

The Bill to further define the policy of the Commonwealth in regard to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was then read and considered. After debate, motions to amend by fixing the time during which the policy of the State, as set forth in section two of the bill, should continue, at three, five and ten years respectively, were lost. A motion by Mr. Lee of Boston to amend by substituting a bill recommended by himself as a minority of the committee (see Senate Doc. No. 174) was also lost. The bill was then amended on motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, and ordered to a third reading. Tunnel.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to amend chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870, entitled an Act concerning manufacturing and other corporations; and the Orders of the day.

Resolve in favor of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning the printing and distribution of public and certain other documents was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Laws of Brockton, Whitmore of Montague, Mackintosh of Needham, Mellen of Worcester, and Bragg of Chicopee, Mr. Wade of Newton moved to postpone further consideration of the matter until to-morrow, which was carried.

Mr. Allen of Boston then moved to lay the orders of the day upon the table, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, on request of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston; and the roll being called, the motion was carried by a vote of 81 yeas to 44 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Babson, Thomas M.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barton, Henry A.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradford, George.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Cobb, John D.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Glynn, Martin T.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hallman, Patrick H.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Keyes, Patrick.
Messrs. Lawrence, Asa S.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Madden Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Mellen, James H.
Morse, Enoch R.
Nash, Erastus M.
Noyes, Charles J.
Osgood, Charles S.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Peters, William C.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Rice, Charles B.
Sanderson, George W.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Swain, Charles B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Torrey, Merritt.
Train, William G.
Wade, Levi C.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.

NAYS.

Messrs. Baley, Orlando S.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Clark, Leonard.
Messrs. Clark, Wilder P.
Cogswell, John D.
Eddy, Curtis.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Hayden, George F.

Messrs. Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Kimball, William B.
Laws, Alfred.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Luther, Hale S.
Macomber, Pardon.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Newton, James H.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osborn, Weaver.
Osgood, Henry B.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Messrs. Pope, Charles G.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Iram.
Snow, Newell.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Swett, Noah.
Thomas, Edward I.
Walker, Joseph.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
White, James.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilder, Henry H.

Yeas, 81; nays, 44.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Babson of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Resolve in favor of Thomas Cahill was rejected; and the motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon. T. Cahill.

At 5.25, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 10, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

To provide for the keeping of registers of voters in towns;

To dissolve the Weymouth Fire District and to authorize the sale of its property;

Concerning coöperative saving fund and loan associations;

To establish boards of harbor and land commissioners;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives);

To regulate sales under powers of sale in mortgages;

To extend the times for the assessment of taxes, and for registering voters in particular wards of cities;

To incorporate the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts;

To enforce the provisions of chapter 303 of the Acts of the year 1871, in relation to Green Harbor Marsh in Marshfield; and

In addition to an Act to incorporate the Vineyard Grove Company;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of a Committee.

Compensation of members.

By Mr. Bartlett of Peabody, from the committee on Pay Roll, that the Resolve (from files) relative to compensation of members of the Legislature ought not to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon, the question being on rejection of the resolve.

A minority of the committee dissented, recommending the passage of a Bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature.

Papers from the Senate.

Local option.

The Senate Bill in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors, sent up for concurrence in the House amendments, came down indorsed that the Senate concurred in the amendments, excepting those at [E], [F] and [G], having amended the amendment at [R]. The House voted to recede from the amendments at [E], [F] and [G], and concurred in the amendment to the amendment at [R]. (See House Document, No. 370.)

Taken from the Table.

Special justices.

On motion of Mr. Hawkes of Lynn, the motion of Mr. Hill of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted an order requesting the opinion of the justices of the supreme judicial court on certain points relative to the election of special justices to seats in the House of Representatives. After debate, the motion was lost.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The motion of Mr. Babson of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the Resolve in favor of Thomas Cahill was rejected, was considered; and the yeas and nays being ordered on request of Mr. White of Boston, the motion was lost by a vote of 90 yeas to 112 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, Thomas M.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Brown, J. Henry.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chase, Charles H.
Cook, William H.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Draper, Francis M.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Fox, James W.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Gerry, Charles F.
Glynn, Martin T.
Goulding, Frank P.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Gross, Frank S.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hillis, John.
Howard, William C.
Huse, Caleb B.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Messrs. Keyes, Patrick.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Mooney, Thomas.
Morse, Enoch R.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, Dexter.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Penney, Alonzo.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Read, William A.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, James H.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Sanderson, George W.
Shaw, Josephus.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Smith, Dana Z.
Snow, Samuel.
Swain, Charles B.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thurston, Charles F.
Train, William G.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Warren, Alonzo.

Messrs. Watts, William.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitney, Edward.
Messrs. Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Woodbury, Henry P.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Allen, Granville S.
Anthony, Job K.
Atherton, Samuel.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Bowen, Francis C.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Carll, Francis.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cook, John H.
Daniels, George F.
Davis, Charles W.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Eddy, Curtis.
Ellis, William F.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Gleason, William S.
Hale, Charles.
Hallet, Charles.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heywood, Samuel R.
Hill, Clement H.
Messrs. Holley, Richard.
Johnson, George W.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Knowlton, Hosea M.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Laws, Alfred.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lovell, Benjamin S.
Lovell, John D.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Martin, Isaac B.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Montague, William H.
Morse, Aaron R.
Newton, James H.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perry, Baxter E.
Perry, John C.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Pope, Charles G.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Reed, George R.
Reynolds, Rice M.
Richards, Charles W.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sargent, Luther H.
Shortle, Henry.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.

Messrs. Snow, Newell.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stickney, Charles.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, William R.
Torrey, Merritt.
Messrs. Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Washburn, John D.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitmore, William G.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wing, Daniel.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.

Yeas, 90; nays, 112.

The Bill to establish the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the printing and distribution of public and certain other documents was further considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Mackintosh, Laws and Bragg were lost. A pending amendment by Mr. Mellen of Worcester was adopted, and the bill was then further amended on motions of Messrs. Rice of Danvers, Thayer of Boston, and Laws of Brockton. The pending motion of Mr. Whitmore, which was to amend by substituting a new bill with the same title, was carried, the substitute bill having been first amended on motions of Messrs. Thayer and Hill of Boston and Mellen of Worcester. The matter was then referred, on motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, to a special committee consisting of the members of the committees on Finance and Printing.

The report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of James Hunter and others, for suitable passenger and freight accommodations at North Adams, was further considered. The pending motion of Mr. Ingalls of Adams to amend by substituting a bill was lost; the bill having been amended on motion of Mr. Tilton of Haverhill. The report was then accepted in concurrence.

The Bill to further define the policy of the Commonwealth in regard to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was read and considered. Pending motions by Messrs. Bird of Walpole and Noyes of Boston to amend, the main question being on engrossment, the House

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Introduced on Leave.

Trustee process.

By Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence, a Bill to amend an Act relative to costs in actions under the trustee process and in certain other cases, approved May 4, in the year 1877. Read, and, on motion of Mr. Sanborn, the House voted to suspend the 20th joint rule to allow its further consideration. Sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

Reports of Committees.

Flats.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill to make a further appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor ought to pass, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon for a second reading.

Tunnel—appropriation.

By Mr. Winn of Buckland, from the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, on a portion of the Governor's address, a Bill to provide and appropriate moneys for the improvement and completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, and the payment of claims incurred therefor, and to extend the power of the Governor and Council relative to tolls. Read, and ordered to a second reading under suspension of the 42d rule.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to fix the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to further define the policy of the Commonwealth in regard to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was further considered. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Bird of Walpole was lost; and the bill was amended as moved by Mr. Noyes of Boston, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Resolve relative to compensation of the members of the Legislature was considered, its rejection negatived, and, under suspension of the rules, it was read a second time and further considered. On motion of Mr. Brown of Boston, the House voted to substitute for the resolve the

Bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature, recommended by a minority of the committee on Pay Roll. On the question of ordering to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered on request of Mr. Bird of Walpole, and the bill was so ordered by a vote of 103 yeas to 97 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Ayer, Edwin.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Barnes, Charles E.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Bates, Daniel J.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bird, Warren A.
Bodurtha, Stephen H.
Bragg, Warren S.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Chase, Charles H.
Cogswell, John D.
Cook, John H.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Curley, Daniel J.
Desmond, Cornelius.
Dewey, Justin.
Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Freeman, Andrew J.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gleason, William S.
Graham, James B.
Gray, Franklin.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hawkes, Nathan M.
Holley, Richard.
Howard, William C.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, Peter R.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Kimball, Ensign.
Knowlton, Hosea M.

Messrs. Laws, Alfred.
Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Merriam, Francis P.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Aaron R.
Murphy, James T.
Newton, Dexter.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Osgood, Charles S.
Penney, Alonzo.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Darius.
Pierce, Henry.
Pitman, Samuel C.
Pope, Charles G.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Roads, Samuel.
Rogers, J. Austin.
Sanborn, John C.
Sanderson, George W.
Sessions, Horace M.
Shaw, Josephus.
Shortle, Henry.
Smith, Dana Z.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Stickney, Charles.

Messrs. Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Taylor, Oliver.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Tompkins, Dexter A.
Tompkins, William R.
Train, William G.
Walker, Joseph.
Walsh, James L.
Washburn, John D.
Messrs. Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitaker, John B.
White, James.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Wilde, William W.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, Alfred M.
Atherton, Samuel.
Barker, Henry F.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Batchelor, Benjamin S.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bryant, William H. H.
Buckminster, Joseph.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, Aaron.
Cook, William H.
Crocker, Samuel E.
Daniels, George F.
Dean, George A.
Delano, Obed.
Donald, William C.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gilmore, Onslow.
Glynn, Martin T.
Goulding, Frank P.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hall, Andrew.
Messrs. Hallet, Charles.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Hill, Clement H.
Hillis, John.
Johnson, George W.
Keyes, Patrick.
Kimball, William B.
Lawrence, Asa S.
Lee, Henry.
Lessey, Chauncey W.
Lovell, John D.
Mann, Seth, 2d.
Merrill, Frederick W.
Merritt, Simeon.
Montague, William H.
Nash, Erastus M.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Osgood, Henry B.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Prescott, Charles J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Read, William A.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Richards, James H.
Robinson, William.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Sargent, Luther H.
Sheldon, Harrison A.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Sleeper, Solomon S.

Messrs. Snow, Samuel.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Tuttle, Augustus S.
Messrs. Wade, Levi C.
Warren, Alonzo.
Whitmore, Charles S.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilder, Henry H.
Wilson, George A.
Wing, Daniel.
Winn, Henry.
Winship, Thomas.
Winslow, Isaac.
Woodbury, Henry P.

Yeas, 103; nays, 97.

Under further suspension of rules, the bill was then read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At 3.40, adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 11, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Orders.

Mr. Lowe of Bridgewater offered an order, which was amended on motion of Mr. Prescott of Boston to read as follows, adopted as amended and sent up for concurrence:

Ordered, That a committee of three on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire into the discipline and management of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater, with authority to sit after the Legislature has been prorogued, and to report their facts and their conclusions to the Governor and Council. State Workhouse.

The following order, offered by Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, was laid over on request of Mr. Allen of Boston:—

Ordered, That on Saturday, May 12, the House hold one or more sessions; and that the first session shall begin at 10 o'clock, A. M. Saturday session.

Papers from the Senate.

Trustee process.

The Bill to amend an Act relative to costs in actions under the trustee process and in certain other cases, approved May 4, in the year 1877, sent up for concurrence in suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down concurred. Under suspension of the rule, the bill at once took its second reading and was considered. Mr. Pillsbury of Boston moved to amend by substituting a new bill entitled a Bill to amend an Act of the present year relative to costs in actions under the trustee process; which motion was carried, and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading under further suspension of rules.

Highway damages.

The Bill to amend chapter 44 of the General Statutes in relation to the repair of highways and to remedies for injuries sustained thereon, in Senate amendments to which the House non-concurred, came down indorsed that the Senate insisted, and appointed Messrs. Coffin, Ginnodo and Fiske on its part on a committee of conference. The House concurred in the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Hill of Boston, Bird of Walpole, and Dewey of Great Barrington were joined.

Tunnel.

The Bill to further define the policy of the Commonwealth in regard to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, sent up for concurrence in the House amendments, came down indorsed that the Senate concurred, with amendments to the House amendment at [B], in which the House concurred.

Sunderland Bridge.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of paying such costs and expenses as said county may be required to pay under the provisions of an Act relating to Sunderland Bridge, introduced on leave in the Senate and there considered under suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down for concurrence in such suspension; and the House concurred.

Reports, accepted by the Senate:

Revision of judicial system.

Of the committee on Revision of the Judicial System, no further legislation necessary, on the report of the commission on Revision of the Judicial System and on a portion of the Governor's address; and

Embezzlements by trustees, etc.

Of the committee of conference to whom was referred the matter of difference between the two branches in the

House Bill to punish embezzlement by trustees, guardians, executors and administrators, recommending that the Senate recede from its amendment;

Were severally read, and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule.

Motion to Reconsider.

A motion by Mr. Wade of Newton to reconsider the vote by which the Bill to fix the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms was yesterday afternoon passed to be engrossed, was lost. Sergeant-at-Arms.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hill of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the Senate amendments to the House Bill concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts, and before trial justices, and for abolishing certain district and police courts, recommending that the House non-concur in the amendments. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon. Appeals in district, etc., courts.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve providing for repairs on the State House ought to pass. State House.

By Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, from the same committee, that the Resolve in relation to the state printing ought to pass, with an amendment. State printing.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon for a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Allen of Boston, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the Bill relating to the arrest and examination of judgment debtors, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon. Judgment debtors.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton, the vote was reconsidered, and the report was rejected. The bill was then read a second time, under suspension of the rule, and, pending the question on ordering it to a third reading, Mr. Wade of Newton moved certain amendments. On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, further consideration of the matter was postponed until the afternoon, and the bill was ordered to be printed with the amendments proposed.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to make a further appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor was read, amended as recommended by the committee on Finance, and, under suspension of rules, took its third reading at once, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide and appropriate moneys for the improvement and completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, and the payment of claims incurred therefor, and to extend the power of the Governor and Council relative to tolls, was read, amended on motions of Messrs. Winn of Buckland and Ingalls of Adams, and ordered to a third reading.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings;

To incorporate the Old South Association in Boston, and to provide for the preservation of the Old South Meeting-House;

To fix the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms;

Relative to proceedings affecting the title to real estate;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

To further define the policy of the Commonwealth in regard to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston,—

Close of the session.

Ordered, That a committee of three on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to consider and report at what time the present session of the Legislature can be prorogued.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Pillsbury of Boston, Dunham of Pittsfield, and Knowlton of New Bedford. Sent up to be joined.

The order relative to a Saturday session of the House, laid over this morning, was referred to the committee on Close of the Session, and sent up for concurrence. Saturday sessions.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, from the special committee to whom was referred the Bill concerning the printing and distribution of public and certain other documents, that the same ought to pass in a new draft. Read, and ordered to a second reading; and, under suspension of the rule, placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon. Public documents.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the expediency of legislation in regard to the discipline at the Westborough Reform School, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed last in the orders of the day for the afternoon, under suspension of the rule. Westborough Reform School.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches in the Bill to amend chapter 44 of the General Statutes, in relation to repair of highways and remedies for injuries sustained thereon, recommending that the Senate recede from its amendment of section 6, and that for the amendment to section 3 a substitute be adopted, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Highway damages.

The report of the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Thompson for the payment of certain orders for work done on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, accepted by the Senate, was read, and accepted in concurrence under suspension of the rule. E. Thompson.

A Bill authorizing the appointment of trustees for the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Danvers Hospital.

The House bills: Bills.

In relation to the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston;

Relating to the registration of voters; and

In regard to travelling on the Lord's Day;

Severally came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred, in the last case under suspension of the rule.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

Resolves:

In relation to the state printing (amended on motion of Mr. Stone of Newburyport, and as recommended by the committee on Finance); and

Providing for repairs on the State House;

Were severally read and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

To amend an Act of the present year relative to costs in actions under the trustee process; and

To provide and appropriate moneys for the improvement and completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, and the payment of claims incurred therefor, and to extend the power of the Governor and Council relative to tolls;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, recommending that the House non-concur in the Senate amendments to the Bill concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts, and before trial justices, and for abolishing certain district and police courts, was amended on motion of Mr. Hillis of Maynard, by substituting "concur" for "non-concur," and rejected. The bill was therefore sent up indorsed that the House non-concurred in the amendments.

At 5.15, adjourned.

MONDAY, May 14, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Batchelor of New Bedford, a member of the House.

Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson of Holliston was granted leave of absence for more than two days, on motion of Mr. Hall of Boston.

Introduced on Leave.

Eastern R. R. Co.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, a Bill in addition to an Act for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company and the

securing of its debts and liabilities. Read, and on motion of Mr. Osgood the 20th joint rule was suspended to allow its further consideration. Sent up for concurrence in suspension of the rule.

By Mr. Heywood of Worcester, a Bill to authorize the Monadnock Railroad Company to subscribe to the capital stock of the Peterborough and Hillsborough Railroad Company. Read, and under the 20th joint rule, referred to the next General Court. Monadnock R. R. Co.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills: Bills enacted.

In relation to the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston;

To amend chapter 224 of the Acts of the year 1870, entitled an Act concerning manufacturing and other corporations;

Establishing an asylum for the chronic insane;

In regard to travelling on the Lord's Day;

To punish embezzlements by trustees, guardians, executors and administrators;

Relating to the registration of voters;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

In relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Bill concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts and before trial justices, and for abolishing certain district and police courts, in the Senate amendments to which the House non-concurred, came down indorsed that the Senate insisted and asked for a committee of conference; appointing on its part Messrs. Russell, Allen and Sherman. The House concurred in the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Goulding of Worcester, Pillsbury of Boston, and Studley of Rockland were joined. Appeals in district and other courts.

The House bills:

To amend the charter of the New England Trust Company; Trust companies.

To amend the charter of the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield; and

To amend the charter of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company;

Severally came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence by the Senate, with amendments, in which the House concurred.

Westborough Reform School.

A Bill relating to discipline in the Westborough Reform School, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and under suspension of the rule took its second and third readings at once, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Taken from the Table.

Danvers Hospital.

On motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole, the Bill concerning the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers, and the Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth. Placed in the orders of the day next after the Bill authorizing the appointment of trustees for the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill concerning the printing and distribution of public and certain other documents was read and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for repairs on the State House was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on an order in relation to discipline at the Reform School at Westborough, was considered. Mr. Washburn of Worcester moved to amend by substituting a Bill in relation to the Westborough Reform School; and after debate the motion was carried, and the bill placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow forenoon for a second reading.

At 5.45, adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 15, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

A communication was received from the justices of the supreme judicial court, in answer to an order of the House of May 8, requesting an opinion upon certain points relative to the holding of seats in the House of Representatives by special justices of municipal, district or police courts. Placed on file. (See House Doc., No. 389.)

Communication from justices of supreme court relative to special justices.

Papers from the Senate.

The Bill in addition to an Act for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the securing of its debts and liabilities, sent up for concurrence in suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down concurred. Referred to the committee on Railroads, and sent up for concurrence.

Eastern R. R. Co.

The Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, sent up for concurrence in a House amendment, came down concurred, with an amendment to the House amendment, in which the House concurred.

Agricultural College.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of paying such costs and expenses as said county may be required to pay under the provisions of an Act relating to Sunderland Bridge, came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate, and was placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon for a second reading, under suspension of the rule requiring its reference to a committee.

Sunderland Bridge.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Buckminster of New Bedford, from the committee on Finance, on a portion of the Governor's address, a Resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue.

Borrowing money in anticipation of revenue.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the same committee, on a portion of the Governor's address, a Bill to apportion and assess a state tax of $1,500,000.

State tax.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospi-

Danvers Hospital.

tal for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth ought to pass, with an amendment.

Eastern R. R.

By Mr. Osgood of Salem, from the committee on Railroads, that the Bill in addition to an Act for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the securing of its debts and liabilities, ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon for a second reading.

Estimates of expenses from departments, etc.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the committee on Finance, no further legislation necessary, on the estimates of expenses of the several departments, the statements of salaries and expenses for 1876 of certain departments, and a statement of receipts and expenditures of certain commissions. Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule.

Committees Appointed.

State Workhouse.

The Senate having concurred in the order for a special committee to inquire into the discipline and management of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater, the Chair appointed, on the part of the House, Messrs. Heywood of Worcester, Osgood of Salem, and Davis of Templeton. Sent up to be joined.

The Senate having appointed Messrs. Stone and Haynes on its part on the special committee to report to the next Legislature what action should be taken in regard to the stock owned by the State in the New York and New England Railroad, Messrs. Stone of Newburyport, Bird of Walpole, and Wade of Newton were joined on the part of the House.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches in the Bill to amend chapter 44 of the General Statutes, in relation to repair of highways, and remedies for injuries sustained thereon, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the arrest and examination of judgment debtors was amended as moved by Mr. Wade of Newton, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill authorizing the appointment of Trustees for the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers was read and considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Peters of Boston, to fix the date at which the trustees referred to in the bill should assume control at October first instead of July first,

was lost. The previous question being ordered, on motion of Mr. Pillsbury of Boston, the bill was ordered to a third reading. Under suspension of the rules the bill was then read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment Mr. Hale of Boston renewed the amendment lost at the previous stage, pending the discussion of which the House

Adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Train of Boston, was considered and rejected:—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized, during the recess of the Legislature, to visit the different charitable institutions of the State and report to the Governor and Council any matter requiring investigation; to serve without compensation other than travelling expenses.

Committee on public charitable institutions.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Bill fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature.

Compensation of members.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches in the House Bill concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts, and before trial justices, and for abolishing certain district and police courts, stating that they were unable to agree, and recommending that a new committee be appointed, came down indorsed that the Senate rejected the report and adhered to its previous action on the amendments. On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the House voted to recede from its non-concurrence.

Appeals in district and other courts.

The Bill to provide and appropriate moneys for the improvement and completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, and the payment of claims incurred therefor, and to extend the power of the Governor and Council relative to tolls, came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment. Further consideration of the subject was postponed until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Mellen of Worcester.

Tunnel appropriation.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To amend the charter of the New England Trust Company;

To amend the charter of the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield;

To amend the charter of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company;

To amend chapter 44 of the General Statutes, in relation to the repair of highways and remedies for injuries sustained thereon;

To amend an Act of the present year, relative to costs in actions under the trustee process;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

Relating to discipline in the Westborough Reform School;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital;

Providing for repairs on the State House; and

In relation to the claim of Parker & Stevens for masonry work on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Report of a Committee.

Appropriation bill, No. 8.

By Mr. Gilmore of Stoneham, from the committee on Finance, on a general order, a Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill in addition to an Act for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the securing of its debts and liabilities; and the

Resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue;

Were severally read a second time, and under suspension of rules were again read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Westborough Reform School was read a second time and amended on motions of Messrs. Wade of Newton, Fairbank of Oakham, and Washburn of Worcester. On the question of ordering it to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered on request of Mr. Hastings of Worcester; and the roll being called, it was so ordered by a vote of 144 yeas to 6 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allen, Stillman B.
Anthony, Job K.
Atherton, Samuel.
Babson, John J.
Babson, Thomas M.
Baley, Orlando S.
Bancroft, Alonzo.
Barker, Henry F.
Bartlett, James E. T.
Bartlett, Perley.
Barton, Henry A.
Bearse, Crocker H.
Bickford, Charles D.
Bigelow, Abraham O.
Bird, Francis W.
Bird, Warren A.
Bowen, Francis C.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bragg, Warren S.
Bridges, Pharcellus D.
Brown, J. Henry.
Canfield, Horace J.
Carll, Francis.
Chapin, Nahum.
Chase, Charles H.
Clapp, Lafayette.
Clark, Leonard.
Clark, Wilder P.
Cobb, John D.
Cogswell, John D.
Cone, George N.
Cornish, Israel C.
Cunningham, Thomas.
Davis, Charles W.
Delano, Obed.
Desmond, Cornelius.

Messrs. Doane, Abiathar.
Doherty, Daniel.
Donald, William C.
Dunham, Jarvis N.
Eddy, Curtis.
Egleston, Francis S.
Ellis, William F.
Ellis, W. Irving.
Emery, Levi.
Fairbank, John B.
Farnum, Jackson B.
Flagg, George A.
Fuller, Henry W.
Gerry, Charles F.
Gleason, William S.
Graham, James B.
Gross, Frank S.
Hale, Charles.
Hallinan, Patrick H.
Hannum, Leander M.
Hartshorn, Henry M.
Hastings, Thomas J.
Hathaway, Frederick.
Hayden, George F.
Heustis, Milton L. P.
Hillis, John.
Holley, Richard.
Ingalls, Charles H.
Jenkins, Edward J.
Johnson, George W.
Kelley, Joseph J.
Kimball, Ensign.
Kimball, William B.
Kinsman, William H.
Laws, Alfred.
Lessey, Chauncey W.

Messrs. Lonergan, Thomas.
Low, Francis.
Lowe, Lewis G.
Luther, Hale S.
Mackintosh, James.
Macomber, Pardon.
Madden, Hugh A.
Mahony, James T.
Marchant, William.
Martin, Isaac B.
McCafferty, Matthew J.
Melcher, George B.
Mellen, James H.
Merriam, Francis P.
Merritt, Simeon.
Miller, Alfred.
Morse, Aaron R.
Morse, Enoch R.
Newton, James H.
Newton, John F.
Newton, Nathaniel A.
Noyes, Charles J.
O'Connor, Dennis.
Perkins, Ephraim A.
Peters, William C.
Pierce, Henry.
Pillsbury, Albert E.
Prescott, Charles J.
Quirk, Dennis G.
Rand, Oliver J.
Randall, David.
Ranlett, Charles E.
Rice, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.
Roads, Samuel.
Russell, Cyrus K.
Messrs. Sargent, Luther H.
Sleeper, John K. C.
Smith, Iram.
Smith, Peter D.
Snow, Newell.
Spaulding, Mark H.
Stone, Eben F.
Studley, Ezekiel R.
Swain, Charles B.
Swett, Noah.
Tappan, Lewis N.
Thayer, Edward F.
Thayer, Francis N.
Thomas, Edward I.
Thompson, Leonard, Jr.
Thurston, Charles F.
Tilton, John W.
Torrey, Merritt.
Turner, John.
Wade, Levi C.
Walker, Joseph.
Warren, Alonzo.
Washburn, John D.
Watts, William.
Webster, Lewis T.
Wells, Michael F.
Wentworth, Samuel H.
Wheeler, John W.
Whitehouse, Sydney F.
Whitmore, William G.
Whitney, Edward.
Wilde, William W.
Wilson, George A.
Winn, Henry.
Wiswell, Joseph.
Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Hawkes, Nathan M.
Osgood, Henry B.
Sanderson, George W.
Messrs. Tompkins, Dexter A.
Train, William G.
White, James.

Yeas, 144; nays, 6.

Under suspension of the rules the bill was at once read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to

borrow money for the purpose of paying such costs and expenses as said county may be required to pay under the provisions of an Act relating to Sunderland Bridge, was read a second time, and under suspension of rules took its third reading at once, and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Resolve in relation to the state printing was read a third time, passed to be engrossed in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the House amendments previously adopted.

The Bill concerning the printing and distribution of public and certain other documents was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Johnson of Brookfield, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill authorizing the appointment of trustees for the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers was further considered. The pending motion of Mr. Hale of Boston, to amend, was lost by a vote of 56 to 115, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Bill concerning the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Bird of Walpole.

The Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was further considered. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Hastings of Worcester was adopted, and the bill was further amended on motion of Mr. Washburn of Worcester, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth was read, amended as recommended by the committee on Finance, and the title so amended as to read "Bill making appropriations for the furnishing and maintenance of the Danvers Insane Hospital." Under suspension of rules, the bill was then read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Consideration of the Bill to apportion and assess a state tax of $1,500,000 was postponed until to-morrow.

The Bill relating to the arrest and examination of judgment debtors was read a third time. Pending motions to amend by Mr. Wade of Newton, and a motion by Mr. McCafferty of Worcester to refer to the next General Court, the House at 5.40

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem,—

State Workhouse.

Ordered, That the special committee appointed to inquire into the discipline and management of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater have power to send for persons and papers.

Sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Salaries.

By Mr. Washburn of Worcester, a Bill establishing the salaries of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Auditor of Accounts, the first clerk in the Auditor's Department, and of the book-keeper in the Treasury Department. Read, and under refusal of the House to suspend the 20th joint rule as moved by Mr. Washburn, referred to the next General Court.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Concerning appeals in district, municipal and police courts, and before trial justices;

To amend an Act entitled an Act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of paying such costs and expenses as said county may be required to pay under the provisions of an Act relating to Sunderland Bridge;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives); and

Authorizing the appointment of trustees for the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue (which originated in the House of Representatives), was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Osgood of Salem, the Bill to apportion and assess a state tax of $1,500,000 was discharged from the orders of the day. Read a second time, and under suspension of rules, again read, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence. State tax.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield, the Bill to provide and appropriate moneys for the improvement and completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, and the payment of claims incurred therefor, and to extend the power of the Governor and Council relative to tolls, was discharged from the orders of the day. A motion by Mr. Hill of Boston, that the House concur in the Senate amendment, was lost, 44 to 80. On motion of Mr. Ingalls of Adams, the House voted to ask for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Ingalls, Snow of Greenfield, and White of Boston were appointed. Sent up to be joined. Tunnel appropriation bill.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Ingalls of Adams, from the committee of conference to whom was referred the matter of difference between the two branches on the House Bill to provide and appropriate moneys for the improvement and completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, and the payment of claims incurred therefor, and to extend the power of the Governor and Council relative to tolls, that the bill ought to pass, with certain amendments named in the report. Read, accepted under suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence. Ibid.

By Mr. Bartlett of Peabody, from the committee on Pay-Roll, who were instructed to make up the pay-roll of members of the House, the following order, with a schedule:—

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule, showing that the amount of $156,786.92 is due to the members of the House of Representatives for attendance at the present session of the General Court, is approved; and that the schedule be sent to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth. Pay roll.

Read, and under suspension of the rule, the order was adopted.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill relating to the arrest and examination of judgment debtors was further considered. The pending amendments moved by Mr. Wade of Newton were adopted, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence and sent up for concurrence in the amendments; a motion to refer to the next General Court being cut off by the previous question.

The Bill in addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, under suspension of rules, took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence, the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered. Pending the recurring question on its engrossment, Mr. Brown of Boston moved an amendment looking to the additional compensation of members of the Legislature. Mr. Knowlton of New Bedford raised the point of order that the amendment was not germane to the bill, and the Chair ruled that the point was well taken. Mr. Sanborn of Lawrence appealing from the decision, the House voted to sustain it, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

Westborough Reform School.

Notice was received of the rejection by the Senate of the House Bill in relation to the Westborough Reform School.

Public and other documents.

The Bill concerning the printing and distribution of public and certain other documents came down passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

In addition to an Act for the relief of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the securing of its debts and liabilities;

To apportion and assess a state tax of $1,500,000;

In further addition to an Act to establish a hospital for

the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth;

In addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes; and

Making appropriations for the furnishing and maintenance of the Danvers Insane Hospital;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;).

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Resolves passed.

In relation to the state printing; and

In favor of the Massachusetts Agricultural College;

(Which severally originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Resolutions.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield being in the Chair, Mr. Bird of Walpole offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the House of Representatives are hereby tendered to the Hon. John D. Long for the ability, impartiality and efficiency with which he has performed the important duties of the Chair during the present session.

Thanks to the Speaker.

After remarks by Messrs. Bird of Walpole, Washburn of Worcester (who laid upon the Speaker's desk an album containing photographs of members of the House), Hale, Allen, Brackett, Hill and Fuller of Boston, McCafferty of Worcester, Kelley of Cambridge, Sanborn of Lawrence, Gerry of Hyde Park, Rice of Danvers, Sanderson of Littleton, and Morse of Somerville, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Speaker resumed the Chair, and spoke as follows:—

Let me thank you, gentlemen, for the resolution just adopted, and for the kind words that have accompanied it. This is an occasion all our own. I might employ it in referring to your work, much of it of real value; some of it not consummated in legislation, and yet not lost, because your successors will carry it forward. I might refer to the simple excellence of your decorum. I might delay you with an expression of my conviction, which with increased experience has steadily grown stronger, of the wisdom and safety of a large popular assembly meet-

ing every year and fairly representing the popular reach; and of my belief that it would be a calamity and would tend to impair disinterested legislation, if at any time, impatient of the cost or length of legislative sessions, the people should be led to reduce the number of their representatives or the frequency of their meeting. I might dwell on the easily remediable causes which, not perhaps without fault on our part, have kept us here too long, in spite of your industrious intentions and faithful attendance, although it should not be forgotten that, after all, we have actually been in session in this hall only ninety-three days. I might suggest that hereafter a vigorous employment of the months of January and February, and the immediate introduction by committees of important bills early in the session, would not only save golden moments, but ensure, if need be, less hurried deliberation.

I might say I am persuaded that the great desideratum in every department of government is that it should be simple and unambitious; that legislation will no doubt continue to fall off in relative importance, as the community, with increasing intelligence and with easier adaptation of its own agencies, goes on perfecting the art of taking care of itself; and that while the prime object of the law-making power of the Legislature is to recognize and meet great general needs rather than make special experiments at public risk and cost, it yet has a grander function as a General Court which, warm with popular sympathies and interests, watches the rights, probes the abuses, vents the impulses, and is the homely but true-hearted safeguard of the liberties of the people.

The field is an attractive one, but somehow my heart turns rather to the winter's delightful companionship, in which acquaintance has ripened into friendship, till in these last hours, we find, with something of the old school-day feeling, that we have come to respect and regard one another more than we knew, and that it is not easy to say the parting word. I cannot think we ever grow, or ought to grow, too old or too wise to be indifferent to these kindly sentiments of personal attachment. The eagerness of debate, the push of difference of opinion over, we carry away, as we ought to carry away, the memory of a common good endeavor. For myself, I cannot forget the pleasant faces on which my eyes have rested so long, or the names that have become like household words upon

my lips. For your most acceptable gift of this album, containing both, I thank you, assuring you that you could give me no souvenir that I should value more.

I have tried to be dutiful and fair. If you have ever deemed me otherwise, I trust you have acquitted me when you remembered that in endeavoring to apply our rules upon the instant and with impartiality to all members, the Chair cannot respond at once to the eager wish of every member, and that what seems injustice to one may be the justice due to some other and to the House.

In your behalf, and especially for myself, let me not forget those of our number who are detained by sickness. Let me also pay tribute to the fit and inspiring ministrations of our beloved Chaplain; to the accurate, swift and thorough work of our accomplished Clerk, who has given me not only the aid of a co-ordinate, but the watchful help of a friend; also to the noiseless efficiency of his assistant; and to the courteous services of our Sergeant-at-Arms and every one of his associates, not forgetting the fidelity with which he has at once secured the convenience of members and been a prudent steward for the Commonwealth.

We part with one link of our circle broken. The death of Governor Washburn, our senior member, is too recent, his praises are too fresh in our ears, for me to refer again to either. If his loss brought sorrow, I am not sure that it did not also bring a certain influence of composure, of elevation, of tenderness over us, which makes the loss somewhat a gain. As he called us to order on the first day of the session, so on this last let us part in the spirit in which I am sure he would have dismissed us, the spirit of a large humanity, of devotion to the good of the people, whether we represent them here or are of them at home, and of constant interest in all that educates and promotes the virtue and intelligence of the community.

May you go to welcome thresholds! May the rest of the year and all your years be full of honor, of faithful service, of pleasant cheer! As you look back from them, however, I trust that not the least happy thing you will recall will be the winter you and I have spent together under this dome. My sincere gratitude for your kindness, my sincere good wishes for your future welfare, go with my warm good-by to every one of you.

Mr. Dunham of Pittsfield offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, after remarks by Mr. Dunham and Mr. Wade of Newton:—

Thanks to the Clerk.

Resolved, That George A. Marden, Clerk of the House of Representatives, is entitled to our special thanks for the faithful, impartial, accurate and expeditious manner in which he has at all times discharged the various and difficult duties of his office; for his uniform courtesy; and for his constant efforts at all times to perform his duties with due regard to economy, having always in view the best interests of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Fuller of Boston offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, after remarks by Mr. Sessions of Wilbraham:—

Thanks to the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Resolved, That the thanks of the House are hereby tendered to the Sergeant-at-Arms for his faithful and courteous discharge of the responsible duties of his office; and to his several assistants for the efficient manner in which they have performed their various functions, contributing so essentially to the comfort and convenience of the members.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Brackett of Boston, was also unanimously adopted:—

Thanks to the Chaplain.

Resolved, That the thanks of the House are hereby extended to the Rev. R. G. Seymour, for the acceptable manner in which he has officiated during the present session as Chaplain of this House.

At 5.45 the House
Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 17, 1877.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Rice of Danvers, a member of the House.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To make a further appropriation for the improvement of the Commonwealth's Flats in Boston Harbor;

Concerning the printing and distribution of public and certain other documents;

To provide and appropriate moneys for the improvement and completion of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, and the payment of claims incurred therefor, and to extend the power of the Governor and Council relative to tolls;

(Which severally originated in the House of Representatives;) and

Relating to the arrest and examination of judgment debtors;

(Which originated in the Senate;)

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Wade of Newton, was referred to the next General Court under the 20th joint rule:—

Ordered, That the committee on Finance consider the expediency of paying the messengers and doorkeepers by a fixed salary. Pay of doorkeepers and messengers.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Wade of Newton, a Bill relating to the salaries of the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives. Sergeant-at-Arms and Clerks.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, a Bill to repeal chapter 223 of the Acts of the year 1877, for the protection of public commons and parks; and a Public commons and parks.

Bill concerning free passes over railroads. Free passes.

Severally read, and referred under the 20th joint rule to the next General Court.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was referred to the committee on Finance on motion of Mr. Wade of Newton:—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared and printed, before the meeting of the next General Court, twenty-five hundred copies of so much of the legislative manual as may be deemed practicable, on the general plan of that of the present year. Manual.

Subsequently, Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee, reported that the order ought to be adopted; and the matter being at once considered under suspension of the rule, the order was adopted in concurrence. Ibid.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Introduced on Leave.

Compensation of members.

By Mr. Brown of Boston, a Resolve in relation to the compensation of members of the Legislature. Read, and referred to the next General Court, under refusal of the House to suspend the 20th joint rule.

Subsequently, Mr. Brown moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the House refused to suspend the rule. The motion was carried, and the question recurring on suspension, the House again refused, 100 to 37.

Reports of a Committee.

Appropriation bill, No. 9.

By Mr. Bird of Walpole, from the committee on Finance, on a general order, a Bill in further addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Under suspension of rules, the bill took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Governor's address, etc.

By Mr. Stone of Newburyport, from the same committee, no further legislation necessary, on an order authorizing them to report appropriation bills, and on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the finances of the Commonwealth. Read, and accepted under suspension of the rule.

Paper from the Senate.

Danvers Hospital.

A Bill authorizing the appointment of trustees for the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers, introduced on leave in the Senate and there considered under suspension of the 20th joint rule, came down for concurrence in such suspension. The House refused to concur. Subsequently, Mr. Ellis of Springfield moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused its concurrence, and the motion was carried. The question recurring on suspending the 20th joint rule, the House voted to concur in its suspension, and the bill was returned to the Senate indorsed accordingly.

Ibid.

Subsequently, the bill came down passed to be engrossed by the Senate; and under suspension of the rules it took its several readings and was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills:

In further addition to an Act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes (which originated in the House of Representatives); and

Authorizing the appointment of trustees for the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Prorogation.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have disposed of all the public business which has been brought before them, and to request him, with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday of January next.

Messrs. Crane, Russell and Adams having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Hall of Boston, Shortle of Provincetown, Gerry of Hyde Park, Watts of Taunton, Fairbank of Oakham, Egleston of Westfield, Kelley of Cambridge, Eddy of West Bridgewater and Bragg of Chicopee were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had waited upon His Excellency and informed him of the action of the two branches; and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he had acted upon all matters which had been laid before him. He desired conveyed to the Legislature his congratulations upon the completion of its labors, and stated that the Secretary of the Commonwealth would forthwith prorogue the two branches, in accordance with their request.

At 6.15 o'clock the Secretary of the Commonwealth appeared, and stated that His Excellency had signed two hundred fifty-two Acts and sixty-nine Resolves, being all that had been placed before him, except the Bills in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors; to further define the policy of the Commonwealth in regard to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and au-

thorizing the appointment of trustees for the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers; each of which had been returned by him to the branch in which it originated, with his objections thereto. The Secretary further proceeded to say that he had been directed by the Governor, with the consent of the Council, and in compliance with the request of the two branches, to prorogue the General Court to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next. And the General Court was prorogued accordingly.

Attest:

GEORGE A. MARDEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

APPENDIX.

[No. 1.]

ANNUAL REGISTER

OF THE

Executive and Legislative Departments

OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

1877.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First year in office.
Alexander H. Rice, *Governor*,	Boston,	Aug. 30, 1818,	Newton,	Merchant,	1876.
Horatio G. Knight, *Lieut. Governor*,	Easthampton,	Mar. 24, 1817,	Easthampton,	Manuf. & Merchant,	1852.*
Joseph K. Baker, *Councillor*, Dist. No. 1,	Dennisport,	Oct. 8, 1827,	Dennis,	Merchant,	1869.†
Harrison Tweed, " " 2,	Taunton,	Feb. 17, 1806,	South Reading,	Taun. Loco. Works,	1852.*
Francis Childs, " " 3,	Boston,	– –	– –	– –	–
Hugh J. Toland, " " 4,	Boston,	Sept. 1, 1844,	Boston,	Jeweller,	1871.*
William Cogswell, " " 5,	Bradford,	– –	– –	– –	–
Joseph A. Harwood, " " 6,	Littleton,	Mar. 26, 1827,	Littleton,	Manuf. & Farmer,	1875.‡
George Whitney, " " 7,	Royalston,	Sept. 21, 1817,	Royalston,	Manufacturer,	1859.*
William C. Plunkett, " " 8,	Adams,	Oct. 23, 1800,	Lenox,	Manufacturer,	1841.‡
George H. Campbell, *Governor's Priv. Sec'y*,	Boston,	Sept. 22, 1850,	Amherst, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1875.

Heads of Departments—					
Henry B. Peirce, *Secretary*,	Abington,	Aug. 6, 1841,	Duxbury,	Insurance Broker,	1876.
Charles Endicott, *Treasurer*,	Canton,	Oct. 28, 1822,	Canton,	Lawyer,	1870.
Julius L. Clarke, *Auditor*,	Newton,	Nov. 11, 1813,	Portland, Conn.,	Editor,	1859.
Charles R. Train, *Attorney-General*,	Boston,	Oct. 18, 1817,	Framingham,	Lawyer,	1847.
James A. Cunningham, *Adjutant-General*,	Gloucester,	Nov. 27, 1830,	Boston,	Farmer,	1866.

* House of Representatives. † In House, 1869. In Senate, 1872. In Council, 1875. ‡ Senate.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.

J. B. D. COGSWELL, PRESIDENT.

DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
First District,	Henry B. Hill,	Boston,	Nov. 16, 1823,	Salem,	Cooper,	1872.*
Second "	Caleb Rand,	"	7, 1817,	Charlestown,	Printer,	1868.*
Third "	M. J. Flatley,	"	– –	Ireland,	Hotel-keeper,	1875.†
Fourth "	Geo. Parkman Denny,	"	1826,	Boston,	Merchant,	1865.*
Fifth "	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	"	Dec. 20, 1848,	Ireland,	Clerk,	1873.*
Sixth "	Samuel D. Crane,	"	June 14, 1816,	Boston,	Merchant,	1868.†
Seventh "	John S. Sleeper,	"	Sept. 25, 1794,	Tyngsborough,	Retired,	1849.*
Eighth "	Francis M. Weld,	"	Apr., 1815,	Boston,	Manufacturer,	1877.
ESSEX COUNTY.						
First District,	Amos F. Breed,	Lynn,	Oct. 15, 1830,	Lynn,	Shoe Manufact'rer,	1865.*
Second "	James J. H. Gregory,	Marblehead,	Nov. 7, 1828,	Marblehead,	Seedsman,	1877.
Third "	Charles Howes,	Essex,	Oct. 26, 1826,	Chatham,	Trader,	1858.*
Fourth "	Haydn Brown,	W. Newbury,	Feb. 16, 1819,	West Newbury,	Manufacturer,	1876.
Fifth "	Jackson B. Swett,	Haverhill,	12, 1815,	Haverhill,	Shoe Manufact'rer,	1876.*
Sixth "	Byron Truell,	Lawrence,	Nov. 23, 1834,	St. Johnsbury, Vt.,	Merchant,	1875.*
MIDDLESEX COUNTY.						
First District,	Selwyn Z. Bowman,	Somerville,	May 11, 1840,	Charlestown,	Lawyer,	1870.*
Second "	Frederick M. Stone,	Waltham,	Sept. 12, 1825,	Wayland,	"	1860.*
Third "	Chas. Theo. Russell,	Cambridge,	Nov. 20, 1815,	Princeton,	Counsellor-at-law,	1846.*

Fourth District,	Luther H. Sherman,	Wayland,	Jan. 3, 1838,	Wayland,	Farmer,	1877
Fifth "	Amos J. Saunders,	Pepperell,	Aug. 3, 1826,	Rowley,	Merchant,	1873.*
Sixth "	Abraham B. Coffin,	Winchester,	Mar. 31, 1831,	Gilead, Me.,	Lawyer,	1875.*
Seventh "	Francis Jewett,	Lowell,	Sept. 19, 1820,	Nelson, N. H.,	Cattle Dealer,	1877.
Worcester County.						
First District,	George S. Barton,	Worcester,	July 18, 1825,	Millbury, Mass.,	Manufacturer,	1877.
Second "	Aaron C. Mayhew,	Milford,	22, 1812,	Hopkinton,	Manufacturer,	1857.*
Third "	Ebenezer B. Lynde,	W. Brookfield,	Aug. 31, 1823,	West Brookfield,	Farmer,	1877.
Fourth "	Charles Adams, Jr.,	N. Brookfield,	Jan. 31, 1810,	Antrim, N. H.,	Pres. Sav. Bank,	1850.*
Fifth "	Elisha Brimhall,	Clinton,	Mar. 25, 1825,	Oakham,	Retired Merchant,	1871.*
Hampden County.						
First District,	Tilly Haynes,	Springfield,	Feb. 13, 1828,	Sudbury,	General Business,	1868.*
Second "	Henry C. Ewing,	Holyoke,	Jan. 15, 1844,	Littleton, N. H.,	Real Estate,	–
Hampshire County.						
Hampshire District,	Lewis N. Gilbert,	Ware,	Jan. 25, 1836,	Pomfret, Ct.,	Woolen Manuf.,	1877.
Franklin County.						
Franklin District,	John F. Moors,	Greenfield,	Dec. 10, 1819,	Groton,	Clergyman,	1874.*
Berkshire County.						
North Berkshire District,	Ensign H. Kellogg,	Pittsfield,	July 6, 1812,	Sheffield,	Lawyer,	1843.
South " "	Harrison Garfield,	Lee,	June 27, 1810,	Lee,	Paper Manuf.,	1851.*
Norfolk County.						
First Norfolk District,	John D. Whicher,	Quincy,	Dec. 25, 1825,	Quincy,	Boot & Sh. Manuf.,	1876.*
Second " "	Joseph E. Fiske,	Needham,	Oct. 23, 1839,	Needham,	Real Estate,	1874.*
Plymouth County.						
First Plymouth District,	Stephen M. Allen,	Duxbury,	Apr. 15, 1819,	Albany, N. H.,	Manufacturer,	1851.*
Second " "	Jonathan White,	Brockton,	Aug. 22, 1819,	Holbrook,	Attorney-at-law,	1864.*

* House of Representatives. † Senate.

Districts.	Senators.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
Bristol County.						
First District, . . .	S. S. Ginnodo, . .	Attleborough,	Oct. 15, 1816,	S. Kingston, R. I.,	Manuf'g Jeweller,	1874.*
Second " . . .	Charles J. Holmes, .	Fall River, .	Mar. 4, 1834,	Rochester, . .	C'shier and Treas.,	1873.*
Third " . . .	Joshua Morse, . .	Acushnet, .	Feb. 24, 1822,	Acushnet, . .	Farmer, . .	1877.
Barnstable, Nantucket and Dukes Counties.						
Cape District, . . .	J. B. D. Cogswell, .	Yarmouth, .	June 29, 1829,	Yarmouth, . .	Lawyer, . .	1857.

* House of Representatives.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

Name and Office.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	First year in office.
Stephen N. Gifford, *Clerk*, ...	Duxbury, . .	July 21, 1815,	Pembroke, . .	1858.
Isaac Dunham, *Chaplain*, ...	Bridgewater, .	Jan. 30, 1813,	Plymouth, . .	1876.
O. F. Mitchell, *Sergeant-at-Arms* (to both branches), . .	Bridgewater, .	1838,	Wareham, . .	1875.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JOHN D. LONG, SPEAKER.

Districts.	Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Dexter A. Tompkins,	Boston,	Aug. 31, 1827,	Boston,	Music teacher, etc.,	1868.
	Andrew Hall,	"	Mar. 16, 1833,	Marshfield,	Coal and Wood Dealer,	1876.
2,	James L. Walsh,	"	28, 1843,	Boston,	Attorney-at-law,	1877.
	S. F. Whitehouse,	"	1822,	Minot, Me.,	Building Cont'r,	1868.
3,	J. Henry Brown,	"	June 14, 1844,	Charlestown,	Mason & Builder,	1877.
	Milton L. P. Heustis,	"	July 7, 1825,	Westmoreland, N. H.,	Grocer,	1877.
4,	John Turner,	"	Jan. 23, 1827,	Salem, Me.,	Paver & Contr'r,	1877.
5,	Nahum Chapin,	"	July 16, 1820,	Jamaica, Vt.,	Manufacturer,	1877.
	Dennis G. Quirk,	"	Aug. –, 1837,	St John, N. B.,	Calker,	1877.
6,	Cornelius Desmond,	"	May 11, 1838,	Boston,	Printer,	1877.
	Thomas Mooney,	"	Jan. 7, 1840,	Ireland,	Printer,	1876.
7,	Sam. H. Wentworth,	"	– –	Sandwich, N. H.,	Attorney-at-law,	1877.
	Daniel Doherty,	"	Apr. 8, 1838,	Donegal, Ireland,	Grocer,	1877.
8,	Michael F. Wells,	"	Sept. 17, 1831,	Boston,	Mason & Builder,	1870.
	Dennis O'Connor,	"	June 19, 1838,	Ireland,	Trader,	1877.
9,	Henry Lee,	"	Sept. 2, 1817,	Boston,	Broker,	1876.
	Edward F. Thayer,	"	Nov. 18, 1835,	Brookline,	Merchant,	1877.
10,	Charles Hale,	"	June 7, 1831,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1856.
	Clement H. Hill,	"	7, 1836,	London, Eng.,	Counsellor-at-law,	1877.

Districts.	Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
Suffolk Co.—Con.						
No. 11,	Charles J. Prescott,	Boston,	Feb. 15, 1838,	Boston,	Coal and Wood Dealer,	1877.
	James White,	"	July 9, 1828,	Hinsdale,	Merchant,	1876.
12,	Edward J. Jenkins,	"	Dec. 20, 1854,	London,	Lawyer,	1877.
	Patrick H. Hallinan,	"	– –	Ireland,	Printer,	1877.
13,	James W. Fox,	"	Aug. 15, 1849,	Boston,	Attorney-at-law,	1877.
	James T. Mahony,	"	July 25, 1843,	Kilworth, Irel'd,	Harness Maker.	1875.
14,	Charles J. Noyes,	"	Aug. 7, 1841,	Haverhill,	Counsellor-at-law,	1866.
	Alonzo Bancroft,	"	June 4, 1820,	Union, N. Y.,	Chair Maker,	1877.
15,	Alonzo Warren,	"	1827,	Charleston, Vt.,	Water Wheel M'f'r,	1876.
	Martin T. Glynn,	"	Jan. –, 1848,	Ireland,	Carpenter and B'r,	1877.
16,	Hugh A. Madden,	"	Mar. 31, 1839,	Boston,	Grocer,	1867.
	Thomas M. Babson,	"	May 28, 1847,	Wiscasset, Me.,	Lawyer,	1877.
17,	Albert E. Pillsbury,	"	Aug. 19, 1849,	Milford, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1876.
	J. Q. A. Brackett,	"	June 8, 1842,	Bradford, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1877.
18,	Stillman B. Allen,	"	Sept. 8, 1830,	Sanford, Me.,	Lawyer,	1876.
	John H. Cook,	"	July 28, 1841,	Northampton,	Apothecary,	1876.
19,	Daniel J. Curley,	"	Apr. 2, 1841,	Ireland,	Currier,	1877.
	J. Austin Rogers,	"	May 22, 1828,	South Weymouth,	Stable-keeper,	1877.
20,	William G. Train,	"	Oct. 16, 1825,	Boston,	Merchant,	1877.
	James B. Graham,	"	Aug. 20, 1835,	Halifax, N. S.,	Painter,	1877.
21,	Henry W. Fuller,	"	June 30, 1839,	Hookset, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1875.
	John F. Newton,	"	Jan. 15, 1829,	Roxbury,	Provision Dealer,	1877.
22,	Charles D. Bickford,	"	Oct. 26, 1821,	Rochester, N. H.,	Teamster & Con'r,	1877.
23,	William C. Peters,	"	Aug. 12, 1827,	Boston,	Merchant,	1877.
	Abrah'm O. Bigelow,	"	2, 1812,	Westminster,	Merchant,	1877.

No. 24,	Joseph Wiswell,	Boston,	Feb. 5, 1816,	Portland, Me.,	Merchant Tailor,	1877.
	Samuel Atherton,	"	Jan. 26, 1815,	Stoughton,	Merchant,	1867.
25,	George A. Wilson,	"	Dec. 21, 1825,	Pepperell,	Real Estate,	1877.
26,	William Robinson,	Chelsea,	Jan. 6, 1835,	Boston,	Sailmaker,	1877.
	Francis Low,	"	May 21, 1824,	Brewster,	Ship Rigger,	1877.
	Ensign Kimball,	Revere,	Oct. 7, 1818,	Tamworth, N. H.,	Farmer,	1853.
Essex County.						
No. 1,	William Marchant,	Rockport,	Mar. 20, 1817,	Gloucester,	Livery Stable, etc.,	1870.
2,	John J. Babson,	Gloucester,	June 15, 1809,	Gloucester,	– –	1859.
	Peter D. Smith,	Gloucester,	Aug. 24, 1842,	Andover,	Fishing Business,	1877.
3,	Lewis N. Tappan,	Manchester,	June 25, 1831,	Manchester,	Real Estate Dealer,	1877.
4,	Charles B. Rice,	Danvers,	29, 1829,	Conway,	Clergyman,	1876.
5,	Henry P. Woodbury,	Beverly,	Dec. 29, 1835,	Beverly,	Furniture Packer,	1877.
6,	Charles S. Osgood,	Salem,	Mar. 13, 1839,	Salem,	Lawyer,	1874.
	Charles H. Chase,	"	Apr. 1, 1835,	Salem,	White Lead M'f'r,	1877.
7,	George B. Melcher,	"	Jan. 9, 1836,	Salem,	Painter, etc.,	1877.
	Dana Z. Smith,	"	Aug. 29, 1819,	Putney, Vt.,	R. R. Roadmaster,	1877.
8,	Samuel Roads,	Marblehead,	Mar. 27, 1825,	Marblehead,	Shoemaker,	1862.
	Samuel C. Pitman,	Swampscott,	Jan. 14, 1811,	Salem,	Farmer,	1877.
9,	James H. Richards,	Lynn,	Sept. 1, 1839,	Lynn,	Shoe Cutter,	1877.
10,	Nathan M. Hawkes,	"	Nov. 1, 1843,	Lynnfield,	Lawyer,	1875.
	Edwin Patch,	"	May 12, 1820,	Hamilton,	Book-keeper,	1866.
	Alonzo Penney,	"	Sept. 23, 1835,	Saugus,	Shoemaker,	1877.
11,	Edwin Walden,	"	Nov. 25, 1818,	Lynn,	Shoe Manufact'r,	1854.
12,	James E. T. Bartlett,	Peabody,	July 19, 1825,	Amesbury,	Currier,	1876.
13,	Francis P. Merriam,*	Middleton,	Jan. 20, 1818,	Middleton,	Manufacturer,	1877.
14,	William C. Donald,	Andover,	Mar. 7, 1816,	Forfar, Scotland,	Printing Ink, etc.,	1877.
15,	Aaron Cogswell,	Ipswich,	Feb. 21, 1807,	Ipswich,	Surveying, etc.,	1877.

* F. E. Batchelder unseated by a resolution passed January 30.

Districts.	Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
Essex Co.—*Con.*						
No. 16,	Eben F. Stone,	Newburyport,	Aug. 3, 1822,	Newburyport,	Lawyer,	1857.*
	Caleb B. Huse,	"	Sept. 13, 1833,	Newburyport,	Printer & Publish'r,	1876.
17,	Charles Stickney,	Groveland,	Mar. 11, 1829,	Groveland,	Shoe Manufact'r,	1877.
18,	Frederick W. Merrill,	Salisbury,	Nov. 14, 1842,	Salisbury,	Druggist, etc.,	1877.
	Orlando S. Baley,	Amesbury,	Apr. 5, 1818,	Amesbury,	Trial Justice,	1860.
19,	John W. Tilton,	Haverhill,	Aug. 20, 1844,	Haverhill,	Shoe Manufact'r,	1877.
	Oliver Taylor,	"	July 12, 1826,	Atkinson, N. H.,	Clothing Dealer,	1876.
	Darius Pierce,	Methuen,	Dec. 14, 1836,	Haverhill,	Provision Dealer,	1877.
20,	Timothy Dacey,	Lawrence,	Feb. 20, 1840,	Ireland,	Liquor Dealer,	1877.
	John C. Sanborn,	"	Aug. 26, 1832,	Tilton, N. H.,	Attorney-at-law,	1877.
21,	Levi Emery,	"	12, 1817,	Salem, N. H.,	Farmer,	1877.
	Edwin Ayer,	"	Mar. 27, 1827,	Charlestown,	Blacksmith,	1876.
Middlesex County.						
No. 1,	Emory Washburn,†	Cambridge,	Feb. 14, 1800,	Leicester,	Lawyer,	1826.
	Solomon S. Sleeper,	"	Mar. 18, 1815,	Bristol, N. H.,	Merchant,	1876.
2,	Leander M. Hannum,	"	Dec. 22, 1837,	Northampton,	Merchant,	1876.
	Oliver J. Rand,	"	Apr. 3, 1820,	Exeter, N. H.,	Bookbinder,	1877.
	Charles F. Thurston,	"	Aug. 28, 1844,	Cambridge,	Manufacturer,	1877.
3,	Joseph J. Kelley,	"	Nov. 28, 1842,	Ireland,	Cabinet Maker,	1877.
4,	Charles G. Pope,	Somerville,	18, 1840,	Hardwick,	Lawyer,	1876.
5,	Thos. Cunningham,	"	Jan. 3, 1815,	Groton,	Real Estate,	1877.
6,	Enoch R. Morse,	"	July 25, 1822,	Attleborough,	Safe Manufacturer,	1877.
7,	Baxter E. Perry,	Medford,	Apr. 26, 1826,	Lyme, N. H.,	Counsellor-at-law,	1877.
8,	J. K. C. Sleeper,	Malden,	Feb. 7, 1828,	Bridgewater, N. H.,	Merchant,	1874.
	Henry M. Hartshorn,	"	June 4, 1828,	Portland, Me.,	Man. Lamp Shades,	1877.

No. 9,	W. Irving Ellis,	Melrose,	Sept. 25, 1829,	Plympton,	Real Estate,	1877.
10,	Onslow Gilmore,	Stoneham,	Mar. 8, 1832,	Bedford, N. H.,	Treas. Saving B'k,	1876.
11,	Thomas Winship,	Wakefield,	Oct. 14, 1826,	South Reading,	Bank Cashier,	1876.
12,	Harrison A. Sheldon,	Wilmington,	Jan. 18, 1830,	Wilmington,	Farmer,	1877.
13,	L. Thompson, Jr.,	Woburn,	Nov. 21, 1817,	Woburn,	Hardware, etc.,	1877.
14,	William H. Kinsman,	Winchester,	Jan. 14, 1821,	Gloucester,	Merchant,	1877.
15,	Edward Whitney,	Belmont,	June 6, 1815,	Watertown,	Merchant,	1876.
16,	Charles E. Ranlett,	Newton,	Nov. 9, 1816,	Montville, Me.,	– –	1877.
	Levi C. Wade,	"	Jan. 16, 1843,	Alleghany C'y, Pa.	Lawyer,	1876.
17,	David Randall,	Waltham,	Feb. 24, 1818,	Richmond, N. H.,	Commission Mer.,	1877.
18,	William S. Gleason,	Billerica,	Nov. 1, 1809,	Billerica,	Farmer,	1877.
19,	Luther H. Sargent,	Chelmsford,	Apr. 14, 1842,	Canterbury, N. H.,	Book-keeper,	1877.
20,	Patrick Keyes,	Lowell,	Jan. 6, 1830,	Ireland,	Grocer,	1877.
21,	William A. Read,	"	Oct. 10, 1849,	Lowell,	Dry Goods,	1877.
22,	Edward J. Crossman,	"	– –	Wayland,	Gen. Ag't F. & L. R. R.,	1877.
23,	Francis Carll,	"	Oct. 29, 1825,	Waterboro', Me.,	Contractor, etc.,	1877.
24,	Cyrus K. Russell,	"	Aug. –, 1815,	N. Ipswich, N. H.,	Grocer,	1875.
25,	Henry H. Wilder,	"	Jan. 16, 1824,	Leominster,	Merchant,	1877.
26,	William W. Wilde,	Concord,	1821,	Boston,	– –	1853.
27,	John Hillis,	Maynard,	– –	– –	– –	1877.
28,	Warren A. Bird,	Natick,	Oct. 14, 1837,	Cambridge,	Coal Dealer,	1876.
29,	Peter R. Johnson,	Holliston,	June 24, 1824,	Holliston,	Boot & Shoe Deal.,	1872.
30,	William F. Ellis,	Ashland,	Apr. 1, 1820,	Hopkinton,	Civil Engineer,	1859.
31,	Chas. S. Whitmore,	Framingham,	Dec. 6, 1815,	Framingham,	Coal Dealer,	1877.
32,	James T. Murphy,	Marlborough,	Aug. 5, 1842,	Elliot, Me.,	Boot & Shoe Mak.,	1877.
33,	Geo. W. Sanderson,	Littleton,	Oct. 6, 1830,	Littleton,	Clerk District Ct.,	1877.
34,	Asa S. Lawrence,	Groton,	May 10, 1820,	Groton,	Farmer,	1877.
35,	Alfred M. Adams,	Townsend,	Oct. 2, 1835,	Townsend,	Miller and Cooper,	1877.

* In Senate.

† Died March 18, 1877.

Districts.	Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
Worcester County.						
No. 1,	Francis N. Thayer,	Blackstone,	July 2, 1846,	Blackstone,	Lawyer,	1877.
2,	William H. Cook,	Milford,	Jan. 7, 1843,	Bennington, Vt.,	Editor,	1877.
	Augustus S. Tuttle,	"	July 18, 1824,	Concord,	Deal. in Furniture,	1877.
3,	Henry B. Osgood,	Northbridge,	May 10, 1818,	Baltimore, Md.,	Mech. and Farmer,	1877.
4,	Dexter Newton,	Southboro'gh,	Jan. 13, 1823,	Southborough,	Conveyancer, etc.,	1861.
5,	Nathan'l A. Newton,	Bolton,	Apr. 17, 1814,	Bolton,	Farmer,	1877.
	Perley Bartlett,	Sterling,	Sept. 16, 1807,	Northborough,	Merchant,	1877.
6,	Samuel E. Crocker,	Fitchburg,	July 31, 1834,	Fitchburg,	Paper Manufact'r,	1877.
	Alfred Miller,	"	Mar. 18, 1815,	Westminster, Vt.,	Physician & Surg.,	1867.
7,	Wilder P. Clark,	Winchendon,	Oct. 12, 1832,	Chesterfield, N.H.,	Wood Ware Deal.,	1877.
	Simeon Merritt,	Ashburnham,	Mar. 21, 1823,	Gardner,	Mechanic,	1877.
8,	Joseph Walker,	Royalston,	June 30, 1825,	Royalston,	House Carpenter,	1877.
9,	Charles W. Davis,	Templeton,	Dec. 14, 1826,	Templeton,	–	1877.
10,	John B. Fairbank,	Oakham,	Aug. 8, 1839,	Oakham,	Lawyer,	1877.
11,	John D. Cogswell,	Leicester,	May 21, 1820,	Leicester,	House Painter, etc.,	1855.
12,	Wm. H. Montague,	No. Brookfield,	Aug. 24, 1824,	Fletcher, Vt.,	Sup't Shoe Factory,	1877.
	George W. Johnson,	Brookfield,	Dec. 28, 1827,	Boston,	Boot Manufacturer,	1870.*
13,	George F. Daniels,	Oxford,	Aug. 9, 1820,	Walpole,	Artist,	1876.
	Isaac B. Martin,	Southbridge,	Dec. 30, 1825,	Grafton, N. H.,	Station Agent,	1877.
14,	Francis M. Draper,	Douglas,	Feb. 27, 1834,	Sutton,	Axes and Tools,	1877.
15,	George A. Flagg,	Millbury,	May 2, 1845,	Millbury,	Lawyer,	1877.
16,	Henry Pierce,	W. Boylston,	Aug. 27, 1826,	West Boylston,	Coal & Lumber,	1877.
17,	Francis C. Bowen,	Leominster,	Jan. 31, 1834,	Stoneham,	Shoe Manufact'r,	1876.
18,	Thomas J. Hastings,	Worcester,	24, 1835,	Camden, Me.,	Manufacturer,	1877.
19,	Samuel R. Heywood,	"	Nov. 24, 1821,	Princeton,	Boot Manufacturer,	1875.
20,	Cornelius O'Sullivan,	"	Mar. 1, 1825,	Ireland,	Grocer,	1877.

No. 21,	M. J. McCafferty,	Worcester,	June 17, 1829,	Ireland,	Lawyer,	1866.
22,	James H. Mellen,	"	Nov. 7, 1845,	Worcester,	Moulder,	1877.
23,	Frank P. Goulding,	"	July 2, 1837,	Grafton,	Lawyer,	1877.
24,	John D. Lovell,	"	Apr. 30, 1818,	Worcester,	Retired Merchant,	1877.
25,	John D. Washburn,	"	Mar. 27, 1833,	Boston,	Lawyer & Ins. Agt,	1876.
Hampshire County.						
No. 1,	Lafayette Clapp,	Easthampton,	Aug. 5, 1824,	Easthampton,	Insurance Agent,	1860.
	Mark H. Spaulding,	Northampton,	Mar. 20, 1827,	Townsend,	Merchant,	1876.
2,	Aaron R. Morse,	Williamsburg,	Oct. 23, 1839,	Canterbury, Ct.,	Book-keeper, etc.,	1877.
3,	Merritt Torrey,	Plainfield,	June 8, 1825,	Plainfield,	Farmer,	1877.
4,	Chauncey W. Lessey,	Amherst,	Mar. 31, 1829,	New Fairfield, Ct.,	Builder,	1877.
5,	William B. Kimball,	Enfield,	June 2, 1833,	Oakham,	Farmer,	1877.
Hampden County.						
No. 1,	Rice M. Reynolds,	Monson,	Dec. 18, 1838,	Monson,	Woollen Manuf'r,	1876.
2,	Horace M. Sessions,	So. Wilbrah'm,	Jan. 23, 1828,	So. Wilbraham,	Farmer,	1877.
3,	Warren S. Bragg,	Chicopee,	May 20, 1837,	Royalston,	Merchant, etc.,	1877.
4,	Charles W. Richards,	Springfield,	Nov. 18, 1824,	Greenwich,	– –	1876.
	Ephraim A. Perkins,	"	Aug. 31, 1839,	Becket,	Lumber Merchant,	1877.
5,	Leonard Clark,	"	Nov. 18, 1821,	Hubbardston,	Manufacturer, etc.,	1855.
6,	Theodore W. Ellis,	"	1823,	New York City,	Manufacturer,	1877.
7,	John C. Perry,	"	Dec. 1, 1839,	Grafton,	Sup't Watch Fac'y,	1877.
8,	John H. Wright,	Holyoke,	June 24, 1843,	Ireland,	Ale and Liquors,	1877.
9,	James H. Newton,	"	Jan. 13, 1832,	Hubbardston,	Paper Manufact'r,	1877.
10,	Francis S. Egleston,	Westfield,	Oct. 21, 1821,	Westfield,	Cattle Drover, etc.,	1877.
	Stephen H. Bodurtha,	Agawam,	July 12, 1812,	Chester,	Farmer,	1877.
11,	George N. Cone,	Chester,	Dec. 23, 1836,	Middlefield,	Depot Master,	1877.

* In Senate.

Districts.	Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
Franklin County.						
No. 1,	John W. Wheeler,	Orange,	Nov. 20, 1832,	Winchendon,	Manufacturer,	1877.
2,	Wm. G. Whitmore,	Montague,	June 23, 1849,	Sunderland,	Merchant,	1877.
3,	Newell Snow,	Greenfield,	1816,	Savoy,	Real Estate, etc.,	1877.
4,	P. D. Bridges,	Deerfield,	Dec. 21, 1847,	Deerfield,	– –	1877.
5,	Lewis T. Webster,	Northfield,	1832,	Northfield,	Merchant,	1877.
6,	Henry Winn,	Buckland,	Dec. 8, 1837,	Whitingham, Vt.,	Lawyer,	1877.
Berkshire County.						
No. 1,	John L. Cole,	Williamstown,	June 22, 1839,	Williamstown,	Farmer,	1877.
2,	Job K. Anthony,	South Adams,	May 23, 1834,	South Adams,	Merchant,	1877.
	Charles H. Ingalls,	North Adams,	7, 1840,	Adams,	Real Estate,	1877.
3,	Jarvis N. Dunham,	Pittsfield,	1, 1828,	Savoy,	Insur. Agent, etc.,	1874.
	Henry A. Barton,	Dalton,	Mar. 14, 1821,	Chesterfield,	Farmer,	1877.
4,	Jackson B. Farnum,	Cheshire,	Oct. 8, 1828,	Cheshire,	Farmer,	1877.
5,	Frank S. Gross,	Lee,	26, 1836,	Trappe, Penn.,	Marble Dealer,	1877.
6,	Horace J. Canfield,	Stockbridge,	Jan. 20, 1834,	New York City,	Literary,	1877.
7,	Justin Dewey,	Gt. Barrington,	June 12, 1836,	Alford,	Lawyer,	1863.
8,	Andrew J. Freeman,	N. Marlboro',	Jan. 19, 1819,	N. Marlborough,	Farmer,	1868.
Norfolk County.						
No. 1,	John D. Cobb,	Dedham,	Apr. 28, 1840,	Dedham,	Lawyer,	1876.
2,	Edward I. Thomas,	Brookline,	Nov. 19, 1833,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	– –	1877.
3,	Charles F. Gerry,	Hyde Park,	June 3, 1823,	Sudbury,	Ins. & Real Estate,	1877.
4,	Thomas Lonergan,	Canton,	Dec. 10, 1827,	Nova Scotia,	Machin't & Trader,	1877.
5,	Henry F. Barker,	Quincy,	Oct. 12, 1838,	Quincy,	Stone Contractor,	1877.
	Benjamin S. Lovell,	E. Weymouth,	July 10, 1845,	East Weymouth,	Gun Dealer,	1877.
	George F. Hayden,	S. Weymouth,	Feb. 20, 1836,	Randolph,	Boot Maker,	1877.

No. 6,	Josephus Shaw,	Braintree,	Sept. 29, 1832,	South Weymouth,	Boot Manufacturer,	1877.
7,	Francis W. Bird,	Walpole,	Oct. 22, 1809,	Dedham,	Paper Maker,	1847.
	Seth Mann, 2d,	Randolph,	Feb. 28, 1817,	Randolph,	Insurance Agent,	1861.
	Wm. R. Tompkins,	Wrentham,	Mar. 19, 1826,	Madison, N. Y.,	Clergyman,	1877.
8,	James P. Ray,	Franklin,	1820,	Mendon,	Manufacturer,	1861.
9,	James Mackintosh,	Needham,	Apr. 9, 1838,	Needham,	Market Gardener,	1876.
Bristol County.						
No. 1,	George A. Dean,	Attleborough,	May 2, 1835,	Attleborough,	Manufacturer,	1877.
	Charles Hallett,	Mansfield,	June 25, 1825,	Deer Isle, Me.,	Farmer,	1877.
2,	William C. Howard,	So. Easton,	Jan. 18, 1841,	Easton,	Lumber & Farm'g,	1877.
3,	George C. Wilson,	Taunton,	7, 1809,	Pittston, Me.,	Teacher,	1876.
	Frederick Hathaway,	"	Dec. 22, 1810,	Taunton,	Manufacturer,	1876.
	William Watts,	"	July 5, 1835,	Devonshire, Eng.,	Painter,	1876.
4,	Granville S. Allen,	E. Freetown,	1825,	Freetown,	Lumber Dealer,	1877.
5,	Joseph Buckminster,	New Bedford,	Mar. 7, 1821,	Saco, Me.,	Merchant,	1876.
	Benj'n S. Batchelor,	"	Nov. 21, 1829,	England,	Clergyman,	1876.
6,	Hosea M. Knowlton,	"	May 20, 1847,	Durham, Me.,	Lawyer,	1876.
	Israel C. Cornish,	"	Nov. 5, 1850,	New Bedford,	Civil Engineer, etc.,	1877.
7,	George R. Reed,	Dartmouth,	Jan. 2, 1832,	Dartmouth,	Farmer,	1876.
8,	Weaver Osborn,	Fall River,	May 23, 1815,	Tiverton, R. I.,	Manufacturer,	1873.
	Iram Smith,	"	Oct. 26, 1807,	Hampden, Me.,	Retired Merchant,	1839.
	John B. Whitaker,	"	May 24, 1816,	Lancashire, Eng.,	Physician & Surg.,	1877.
9,	Franklin Gray,	"	29, 1824,	Somerset,	Deputy Sheriff,	1877.
	Pardon Macomber,	"	1832,	Westport,	Painter,	1877.
10,	Hale S. Luther,	Rehoboth,	Apr. 6, 1830,	Rehoboth,	Farmer,	1877.
Plymouth County.						
No. 1,	John D. Long,	Hingham,	Oct. 27, 1838,	Buckfield, Me.,	Lawyer,	1875.
2,	Daniel J. Bates,	Cohasset,	Jan. 12, 1830,	Boston,	Grocer & St'n Agt,	1877.

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Plymouth Co.—Con.						
No. 3,	Wm. H. H. Bryant,	Pembroke,	Mar. 20, 1826,	Foxborough,	Trader,	1863.
4,	George Bradford,	Duxbury,	Aug. 4, 1819,	Duxbury,	Butcher,	1860.
5,	Charles E. Barnes,	Plymouth,	Oct. 31, 1840,	Plymouth,	Grocer,	1877.
6,	Obed Delano,	Marion,	Feb. 19, 1814,	Marion,	Selectman, etc.,	1877.
7,	Isaac Winslow,	Middleboro',	Jan. 29, 1827,	Brewster,	Shoe Manufact'r,	1876.
8,	Lewis G. Lowe,	Bridgewater,	Aug. 17, 1828,	Boston,	Ins. Ag. & Broker,	1877.
9,	Ezekiel R. Studley,	Rockland,	Nov. 30, 1831,	Hanover,	Clerk & Treasurer,	1864.
10,	Alfred Laws,	Brockton,	June 26, 1831,	Washington, N.H.,	Fire & Life Ins. Agt,	1877.
	Curtis Eddy,	W. Bridgew'r,	May 18, 1838,	Plymouth,	Carpenter,	1877.
11,	Erastus M. Nash,	Abington,	Jan. 5, 1826,	Abington,	Note Broker,	1877.
Barnstable County.						
No. 1,	Crocker H. Bearse,	Falmouth,	1810,	Barnstable,	Postmaster,	1877.
2,	Samuel Snow,	Barnstable,	Apr. 14, 1828,	Barnstable,	Town Officer,	1876.
3,	Daniel Wing,	S. Yarmouth,	June 12, 1841,	South Yarmouth,	Grocer,	1876.
4,	Abiathar Doane,	Harwichport,	Aug. 16, 1820,	Harwichport,	Master Mariner,	1877.
5,	Noah Swett,	Wellfleet,	Nov. 4, 1826,	Wellfleet,	Fish Inspector,	1876.
6,	Henry Shortle,	Provincetown,	Oct. 15, 1834,	Mathews Co., Va.,	Dentist,	1864.
Dukes County.						
No. 1,	Richard Holley,	Edgartown,	Jan. 30, 1829,	Edgartown,	Master Mariner,	1876.
Nantucket County.						
No. 1,	Charles B. Swain,	Nantucket,	May 3, 1809,	Nantucket,	Merchant,	1877.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Occupation.	1st year in office.
George A. Marden, *Clerk*,	Lowell,	Aug. 9, 1839,	Editor,	1874.
Robert G. Seymour, *Chaplain*,	Boston,	– –	Clergyman,	1873.

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The Speaker.

1. The Speaker shall take the chair at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum proceed to business.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House.

[With regard to appeals, see Rules 81 and 92.]

3. He shall declare all votes, subject to verification as hereinafter provided.

[See Rules 63 to 67.]

4. In all cases he may vote.

5. He shall rise to put a question, or to address the House, but may read sitting.

6. He shall each day examine the journal of the House.

7. He may name a member to perform the duties of the chair for a period not exceeding two days at one time.

8. In case of a vacancy in the office of Speaker, or in case the Speaker or the member named by him in accordance with the preceding rule is absent at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, the senior monitor present shall call the House to order, and shall preside until a Speaker pro tempore or a Speaker is elected by ballot, which shall be the first business in order.

Monitors.

9. Two monitors shall be appointed by the Speaker for each division of the House, whose duty it shall be to see to the due observance of the Rules and Orders, and on request of the Speaker to return the number of votes and members in their respective divisions.

10. If a member transgress any of the Rules and Orders after being notified thereof by a monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to report the case to the House.

[For duty of monitor in case of the absence of the Speaker, see Rule 8.] [See Rule 20.]

Clerk.

11. The Clerk shall keep the journal of the House. He shall enter therein a record of each day's proceedings, and submit it to the Speaker before the hour fixed for the next sitting.

12. Every question of order shall be noted in the journal, and with the decision shall be entered at large in an appendix which shall also contain the Rules and Orders of the House, and of the two branches.

13. The Clerk shall prepare and cause to be printed each day a calendar of matters in order for consideration; followed by a brief minute of the preliminary proceedings of the previous day; a list of matters lying on the table; and such other memoranda as the House or the Speaker may direct.

14. Any objection to the calendar shall be made and disposed of before the House votes to proceed to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

15. The Clerk shall retain bills and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration (except petitions, enacted bills, orders of inquiry and orders of notice), until the right of reconsideration has expired: *provided*, that the operation of this rule shall be suspended during the last week of the session.

MEMBERS.

16. No member shall stand up, to the inconvenience of others, while a member is speaking; or pass unnecessarily between the Speaker of the House and the member speaking; or stand in the passages, or in the area in front of the chair.

17. No member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the House.

18. No member shall absent himself from the House without leave, unless there be a quorum without his presence.

19. Papers in possession of a member obtaining leave of absence, or at the end of the session, shall be left by him with the Clerk.

20. If a member is guilty of a breach of any of the Rules and Orders, he may be required by the House on motion to make satisfaction therefor, and until he has done so, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, except by way of excuse.

[See Rule 10.]

COMMITTEES.

21. At the beginning of the political year, eleven Standing Committees, to consist of seven members each, shall be appointed, as follows:—

A Committee on the Judiciary;
A Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery;
A Committee on Finance;
A Committee on Elections;
A Committee on Bills in the Third Reading;
A Committee on Engrossed Bills;
A Committee on County Estimates;
A Committee on the Pay Roll;
A Committee on Leave of Absence;
A Committee on Public Buildings;
A Committee on Rules and Orders;

22. Unless other provision is made in any case, all committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, and the member first named shall be chairman.

23. In case of the election of a committee by ballot, the member having the highest number of votes shall be chairman.

24. No member shall be required to be on more than two committees at the same time, nor chairman of more than one.

25. No member shall serve on any committee in any question where his private right is immediately concerned distinct from the public interest.

26. The Committee on Finance shall report in appropriation bills, only such items of expenditure as are authorized by law, or such as the committee has been directed by the House to insert.

27. The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading shall examine and correct the bills which are referred to it, for the purpose of avoiding repetitions and unconstitutional provisions, insuring accuracy in the text and references, and consistency with the language of existing statutes: *provided*, that any change in the sense or legal effect shall be reported as an amendment.

28. The Committee on Engrossed Bills shall carefully examine and compare engrossed bills, and report them rightly and truly engrossed, when found to be so, without delay.

29. When the object of an application, whether by petition, order, or bill introduced on leave, can be secured without a special act under existing general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall report leave to withdraw, inexpedient to legislate, or ought not to pass, as the case may be.

30. No bill affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations shall be reported by a committee, unless notice has been given to all parties interested, by public advertisement or otherwise, without expense to the Commonwealth; or unless satisfactory evidence is produced that the parties interested have either received notice in writing, or have in writing waived notice.

31. On or before the twenty-second day of March, committees shall make final report upon matters referred to them prior to that day, unless further time is granted, for cause.

Committee of the Whole.

32. When the House determines to go into a committee of the whole, the chairman shall be appointed by the Speaker.

33. The rules of the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the rules

limiting debate. A motion to rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again, shall be always first in order, and be decided without debate.

Regular Course of Proceedings.

Petitions, &c., and Reports of Committees.

34. Petitions, memorials, remonstrances, and papers of a like nature, and reports of committees, shall be presented before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day, and the Speaker shall call on the several divisions for such papers.

35. The member presenting a petition, memorial, or remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, with a brief statement of the nature and object of the paper, and the reading thereof shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered.

Papers from the Senate.

36. Papers from the Senate shall be laid before the House by the Speaker, and received for action conformably to such of these Rules and Orders as are applicable thereto, before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

Papers addressed to the House, not Petitions.

37. Papers addressed to the House or the General Court, other than petitions, memorials, and remonstrances, or those received from the Senate, may be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place, and shall be read unless it is specially ordered that the reading be dispensed with.

Orders of Inquiry.

38. All motions contemplating legislation, when not founded upon petition, or upon bill proposed to be introduced on leave, shall be made in the form of an order of inquiry, which shall indicate the nature of the legislation proposed; and if reference is made to any particular law, for amendment or otherwise, the order shall specify the chapter and section, as well as the subject to which it relates.

Postponement to the Next Day on Request of a Member.

39. The consideration of any order proposed for adoption, or of any request for leave to introduce a bill, shall be postponed

without question to the day after that on which the order is proposed or request made, if any member asks such postponement.

Bills and Resolves. [See Rule 93.]

40. Bills shall be fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections; dates and numbers being written in words at length.

41. If opposition is made to a bill before it is ordered to a second reading, the question shall be, "*Shall this bill be rejected?*" If no opposition is made, or if the question to reject is negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

42. Bills involving an expenditure of public money, shall, after their first reading, be referred to the Committee on Finance, for report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth.

43. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, shall be referred to a committee of the House, unless they were reported to the Senate by a joint committee.

44. Amendments, proposed by the Senate, and sent back to the House for concurrence, shall be referred to the committee which reported the measure proposed to be amended, unless such committee is composed of members of both branches.

45. No bill shall be proposed or introduced unless received from the Senate, reported by a committee, or moved as an amendment to the report of a committee: *provided*, that the House may grant special leave to a member to introduce a bill; but when leave is asked for the introduction of a bill, it shall be read for information before the question is put on granting leave; and if leave is granted, it shall be committed, before it is ordered to a second reading.

46. No bill affecting directly the legal rights of individuals or corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the interests of the whole people of the Commonwealth or of the cities or towns to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced, by amendment or otherwise, except by report of a committee, upon petition duly presented and referred.

47. When a bill, order, petition, memorial, or remonstrance has been finally rejected, no measure substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session.

[Amended in 1877.]

48. Bills in their third reading shall be referred to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading for examination, correction, and report.

[See Rule 27.]

49. No bill shall pass to be engrossed without having been read on three several days.

50. Engrossed bills shall be referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills for examination, comparison, and report.

[See Rule 28.]

51. No engrossed bill shall be amended.

52. Engrossed bills, reported by the Committee on Engrossed Bills to be rightly and truly engrossed, shall be put upon their passage to be enacted; and engrossed resolves, when so reported, shall be put upon their passage, without further reading, unless specially ordered.

53. No engrossed bill shall be sent to the Senate without notice thereof being given by the Speaker.

Orders of the Day.

54. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, when not referred to a committee of the House, and bills reported to the House by committees, to which no objection is made, or when the question of rejection is negatived, shall be placed in the orders for second reading on the next day.

55. Reports of committees not by bill or resolve shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which they are received from the Senate, or made to the House, as the case may be.

56. Bills ordered to a third reading shall be placed in the orders of the next day for such reading.

57. After entering upon the consideration of the Orders of the Day, the House shall proceed with them in regular course, as follows: Matters not giving rise to a motion or debate shall first be disposed of in the order in which they stand in the calendar; after which the matters that were passed over shall be considered in like order and disposed of.

58. When the House does not finish the consideration of the Orders of the Day, those which had not been acted upon shall be the orders for the next and each succeeding day until disposed of, and shall be entered in the calendar, without change in their order, to precede matters added under Rules fifty-four, fifty-five,

and fifty-six. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment shall have the preference in the orders of the next day, after motions to reconsider.

Special Rules Affecting the Course of Proceedings.

[For postponement of Order, etc., to next day, on request of a member, see Rule 39.]

59. No matter which has been duly placed in the Orders of the Day shall be discharged therefrom, or considered out of the regular course.

60. If, under the operation of the previous question, or otherwise, an amendment is made at the second or third reading of a bill substantially changing the greater part of such bill, the question shall not be put forthwith on ordering the bill to a third reading or to be engrossed (as the case may be), but the bill, as amended, shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment is made, and shall then be open to further amendment before such question is put. In like manner, when, under the operation of the previous question or otherwise, an amendment is made in any proposition of such a nature as to change its character, as from a bill to an order, or the like, the proposition as amended shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment was made.

VOTING.

61. No member shall vote in any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

62. Every member not prevented by interest, who is present in the House when a question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, excuse him. Members desiring to be so excused shall make application to that effect before the division of the House or the taking of the yeas and nays is begun. Such application may be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons by the member making it, but shall be decided without debate.

63. When a question is put, the sense of the House shall be taken by the voices of the members, and the Speaker shall first announce the vote as it appears to him by the sound.

64. If the Speaker is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, or if his announcement made thereupon is doubted by a member rising in his place for that purpose, the Speaker shall

order a return by divisions of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without further debate upon the question.

[For duty of monitors in case of a division, see Rule 9.]

65. When a return by divisions is ordered, the members for or against the question, when called on by the Speaker, shall rise in their places, and stand until they are counted.

66. The sense of the House shall be taken by yeas and nays, whenever required by one-fifth of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor when his name was called or before the roll-call was finished.

67. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. If the yeas and nays have been ordered before the question is put, the proceedings under Rules sixty-three, sixty-four, and sixty-five shall be omitted; if not, they may be called for in lieu of a return by divisions when the Speaker's announcement is doubted by a member rising in his place, and if then ordered, the proceedings under Rules sixty-four and sixty-five shall be omitted.

Reconsideration.

68. When a vote has passed (except as provided in the next rule), it shall be in order for any member to move the reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day, and such motion, if made on the same day, shall (except in the last week of the session) be placed first in the orders of the next day after that on which it is made; but if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered: *provided, however*, that a motion to reconsider a vote upon any incidental or subsidiary question shall not remove the main subject under consideration from before the House, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

69. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered; nor shall any vote be reconsidered upon either of the following motions:

to adjourn,
to lay on the table,
to take from the table; or
for the previous question.

70. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes.

[For rule requiring the Clerk to retain papers, except, etc., until the right of reconsideration has transpired, see Rule 15.]

Rules of Debate.

71. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the Speaker, shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality; and shall sit down when he has finished. No member shall speak out of his place without leave of the Speaker.

72. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in his place to one who does not.

73. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except by rising to call to order.

74. No member shall speak more than once to the prevention of those who have not spoken and desire to speak on the same question, nor more than twice on the same question without leave of the House.

Motions.

75. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker so directs.

76. A motion need not be seconded, and may be withdrawn by the mover if no objection is made.

77. A motion to adjourn shall be always first in order; and that motion, and the motions to lay on the table and to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

[For application to be excused from voting, to be decided without debate, see Rule 62.]

[For call for yeas and nays, to be decided without debate, see Rule 67.]

[For questions of order arising after the previous question is moved, to be decided without debate, except on appeal, see Rule 81.]

78. When a question is before the House, until it is disposed of, the Speaker shall receive no motion that does not relate to the same, except the motion to adjourn, or some other motion that has precedence, either by express rule of the House or because it is privileged in its nature; and he shall receive no motion relating to the same, except—

to lay on the table,	See Rule 77, above.
for the previous question,	See Rules 79–84, below.
to close the debate at a specified time,	See Rules 83, 84, below.
to postpone to a time certain,	See Rule 85, below.
to commit (or recommit)	See Rule 86, below.
to amend,	See Rules 87–90, below.
to refer to the next General Court,	
or to postpone indefinitely,	See Rule 91, below.

which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged in this rule.

Previous Question.

79. The previous question shall be put in the following form: "*Shall the main question be now put?*"—and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question is decided.

80. On the previous question, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate, and that only to give reasons why the main question should not be put, and no member shall speak more than three minutes.

81. All questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question shall be decided without debate, excepting on appeal, and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without leave of the House.

[See Rule 92.]

82. The adoption of the previous question shall put an end to all debate except as provided in Rule eighty-four, and bring the House to a direct vote upon pending amendments, if any, in their regular order, and then upon the main question.

Motion to Close Debate at a Specified Time.

83. A motion to close the debate at a specified time shall be put not less than thirty minutes before the time stated. In case the time is extended by unanimous consent, the same rule shall apply at the end of the extended time as at the time originally fixed.

[Amended in 1877. See the next Rule.]

When Debate is closed, Ten minutes allowed, etc.

84. When debate is closed by ordering the previous question, or by a vote to close debate at a specified time, the member in

charge of the measure under consideration shall be allowed to speak ten minutes, and may grant to any other member any portion of his time. When the measure under consideration has been referred to the Committee on Finance under House Rule 42, the member originally reporting it shall be considered in charge, except where the report of the Committee on Finance is substantially different from that referred to them; in which case the member originally reporting the measure and the member of the Finance Committee reporting thereon, shall each be allowed to speak five minutes, the latter to have the close.

[Amended in 1877.]

Motion to Postpone to a time certain.

85. When a motion is made to postpone to a time certain, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on the most remote time; and the time shall be determined before the question is put on postponement, which may then be rejected if the House see fit.

Motion to Commit.

86. When a motion is made to commit, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:—

a standing committee of the House,
a select committee of the House,
a joint standing committee,
a joint select committee;

and a subject may be recommitted to the same committee, or to another committee, at the pleasure of the House.

Motions to Amend.

87. A motion to amend an amendment may be received, but no amendment in the third degree shall be allowed.

88. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

89. A question containing two or more propositions capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member. When a motion to strike out and insert is thus divided, the failure of the motion to strike out shall not preclude amendment; or, if the motion to strike out prevails, the matter proposed to

be inserted shall be open to amendment before the question is taken on inserting it.

90. In filling blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

Equivalent for Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.

91. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely.

APPEAL.

92. No appeal from the decision of the Speaker shall be entertained, unless it is seconded; and no other business shall be in order until the question on the appeal has been disposed of.

[See Rule 81.]

RESOLVES.

93. Such of these Rules and Orders as are applicable to bills, whether of the House or of the Senate, shall apply likewise to such Resolves as require the concurrence of the Senate and approval by the Governor, in order to become laws and have force as such. Except in Rule fifty-two, the word "bill" shall be equivalent to the word "resolve" in the same place.

ELECTIONS BY BALLOT.

94. A time shall be assigned for elections by ballot, at least one day previous thereto.

SECRET SESSION.

95. All proceedings in secret session, and matters relating thereto, shall be kept secret until the House removes the injunction of secrecy.

SEATS.

96. (1.) The desk on the right of the Speaker shall be assigned to the use of the Clerk and such persons as he may employ to assist him, and that on the left to the use of the Chairmen of the Committees on Bills in the Third Reading and on Engrossed Bills.

(2.) The seat numbered 25, in the third division, shall be assigned to the use of the senior member of the House, and that numbered 24, in the fourth division, to the use of the oldest member of the House who is not the senior member.

(3.) The seat numbered 11, in the first division, shall be assigned to the use of the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, and that numbered 35, in the sixth division, to the use of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance.

(4.) The following seats shall be assigned to the use of the monitors:—

Those numbered 30 and 34, in the first division;
100 and 104, in the second division;
96 and 99, in the third division;
92 and 95, in the fourth division;
87 and 91, in the fifth division; and
15 and 19, in the sixth division.

(5.) The first business in order after the appointment of standing committees and monitors is announced by the Speaker, shall be the drawing of the other seats upon the floor of the House.

(6.) The Clerk shall call the roll of the members in alphabetical order, omitting the names of the Speaker, the senior member, the oldest member, the chairmen of committees herein before mentioned, and the monitors; and the drawing shall be had in presence of the House, under the supervision of a committee of three selected from the members mentioned in this paragraph.

(7.) The seat assigned to any member, or drawn by him, shall be his seat for the year, unless an exchange is made and notice thereof given to the Sergeant-at-Arms within ten days from the day of the drawing.

Privilege of the Floor.

97. (1.) Every member shall have the privilege of introducing upon the floor of the House, to occupy (for that day) any seat then vacant not belonging to a member, or belonging to a member who is absent, not more than one person at the same time, such person not having any private interest in any measure before the legislature distinct from the public interest: *provided*, that in any case when by the exercise of this privilege on the part of some of the members, the vacant seats have been filled, and the Speaker so announces, the further exercise of the privilege shall be suspended for that day, or until one or more of the seats thus filled are vacated.

(2.) The Speaker may also invite visitors, not inhabitants of

this Commonwealth, without limit of number, to seats (not numbered) upon the floor of the House.

(3.) Contestants for seats in the House whose papers are in the hands of the Committee on Elections, may be admitted while their cases are pending, to seats to be assigned by the Speaker.

(4.) Senators, and the principal officers* in the executive and judicial departments of the civil government of the Commonwealth, the Chaplains of both Houses and Clerk of the Senate, shall be admitted to the floor whenever they may have occasion to visit the House, and may occupy any of the seats not numbered which they may find vacant, or any seats which may be assigned by the Speaker for their use for the time being.

Representatives' Chamber.

98. Use of the Representatives' Chamber shall not be granted except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

Parliamentary Practice.

99. The rules of parliamentary practice shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these Rules and Orders, or the Joint Rules and Orders of the two branches.

Suspension, Amendment, and Repeal.

100. Nothing in these Rules and Orders shall be dispensed with, altered, or repealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto; but this rule and rules thirty-nine, forty-eight, and ninety-eight shall not be suspended, unless by unanimous consent of the members present.

[Blanks for orders, bills, reports, petitions, and indorsement of petitions may be had on application to the Clerk, or at the document-room, and members are respectfully requested to use the same in the preparation of papers.]

* See list in the Blue-book.

[No. 3.]

JOINT RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

TWO BRANCHES.

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RULE 23. Concerning the printing and binding of documents.

RULE 1. The following Joint Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the January session, viz.:—

A Committee on Agriculture;
A Committee on Banks and Banking;
A Committee on Claims;
A Committee on Education;
A Committee on Expenditures;
A Committee on Federal Relations;
A Committee on the Fisheries;
A Committee on Harbors;
A Committee on Insurance;
A Committee on the Library;
A Committee on Manufactures;
A Committee on Mercantile Affairs;
A Committee on Military Affairs;
A Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies;
A Committee on Printing;
A Committee on Prisons;
A Committee on Public Charitable Institutions;
A Committee on Public Lands;
A Committee on Railroads;
A Committee on Roads and Bridges;
A Committee on the State House;
A Committee on Street Railways;
A Committee on Towns;
A Committee on Water-Supply and Drainage;

And each of said Committees shall consist of two on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, except the Committee on Banks and Banking, the Committee on Claims, the Committee on Harbors, the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, the Committee on Military Affairs, the Committee on Prisons, the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, the Committee on Railroads, the Committee on Street Railways, and the Committee on Water-Supply and Drainage, which shall each consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and eight members

on the part of the House; and except the Committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the Committee on the Treasury of the Senate, and the Committee on Finance of the House. No member of either House shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the Legislature.

[Amended in 1877.]

RULE 2. The Joint Committee on the two Houses may report by bill, resolve, or otherwise to either House, at their discretion; and all bills and resolves reported by them shall be fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins, and spaces between the several sections; dates and numbers being written in words at length.

RULE 3. Reports of Joint Committees may be recommitted to the same Committees at the pleasure of the House first acting thereon, without asking the concurrence of the other branch; and bills or resolves which have been previously acted on in one branch may be recommitted in the other without a concurrent vote, except when recommitted with instructions: *provided*, that, after such recommitment, report shall, in all cases, be made to the branch which shall have ordered such recommitment.

RULE 4. Whenever a report is made from any Committee to either House, and the subject-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a Joint Committee, such Committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report was made.

RULE 5. If any part of the report of a Committee over the signature of the chairman or members of the Committee is amended in either branch, the Clerk of that branch shall indorse upon the report such amendment.

RULE 6. Whenever upon any application for an Act of incorporation, or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under general laws, the Committee to which the matter is referred shall, in all cases, report "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to legislate."

RULE 7. All papers, while on their passage between the two Houses, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each House may direct.

RULE 8. After bills shall have passed both Houses to be engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two Houses, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Com-

monwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law; and when engrossed, the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the Committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills; and when the same shall have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall in like manner be delivered to the Committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills.

RULE 9. If any bill, resolve, or order, originating in one branch, is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

RULE 10. The Clerk of the House in which a bill originated shall make an indorsement thereon, certifying in which House the same originated, which indorsement shall be entered on the journals by the Clerks respectively.

After said bills shall have passed both Houses to be enacted, the Clerk of the Senate shall lay them before the Governor for his approbation, and shall enter upon the Journal of the Senate the day on which the same were laid before the Governor.

RULE 11. All resolves and other papers which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall be laid before him in the same manner as is prescribed in the case of bills.

RULE 12. All resolves proposing amendments of the Constitution shall have three several readings in each House, and the final question upon adopting the same shall be taken by yeas and nays.

RULE 13. The President of the Senate shall preside in conventions of the two branches; and such conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; the Clerk of the Senate shall be clerk of the convention, and a record of the proceedings of the convention shall be entered at large on the journals of both branches.

RULE 14. When an agreement has been made by the two branches to go into convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

RULE 15. No business shall be entered on, in convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the convention is formed.

RULE 16. In all elections by joint ballot, a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

RULE 17. The joint assembly required to be held by the Act of Congress approved July 25, 1866, entitled, "An Act to reg-

ulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress," shall be deemed a convention of the two branches, and the proceedings therein shall be in accordance with the provisions of said Act. The president of the convention shall receive no motion on any day until one vote for Senator has been taken. After one vote for Senator has been taken, no motion shall be in order except a motion to adjourn, for a recess, or to proceed to vote for Senator; and these motions shall have precedence in the order of their arrangement, and shall be decided without debate. If a motion is made for a recess, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on the most remote time; and the time shall be determined, but without debate, before the question is put upon taking the recess. On either of the questions permitted by this rule the sense of the convention shall be taken by yeas and nays, whenever required by one-fifth of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the convention shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor when his name was called, or before the roll-call was finished. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate.

RULE 18. Committees of Conference shall consist of three members on the part of each House, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each Committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through a new Committee of Conference.

RULE 19. Joint Committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time is granted for cause.

RULE 20. All petitions, memorials, and applications embraced in the provisions of chapter 2 of the General Statutes, and chapter 91 of the Acts of the year 1862, which shall be presented in either House after the twenty-second day of February, and all other subjects of legislation which shall be proposed or introduced after the first day of March, shall be referred to the next General Court. This rule shall not be rescinded, amended, or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each House present and voting thereon; such concurrent vote to be had by both Houses before any further action on the matter is taken by either.

[Amended in 1877.]

RULE 21. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals, or private or municipal corporations, shall be reported by a committee, unless notice has been given to all parties interested, by public advertisement or otherwise, without expense to the Commonwealth; or unless satisfactory evidence is produced that the parties interested have either received notice in writing, or have in writing waived notice.

RULE 22. No bill or resolve affecting directly the legal rights of individuals or corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the interests of the whole people of the Commonwealth, or of the cities or towns to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced, by amendment or otherwise, except by report of a committee, upon petition duly presented and referred.

RULE 23. The Committees on Printing may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the Legislature not otherwise disposed of, such regulations to be reported to and subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill, or other document, the number printed shall be eight hundred, with the exception of the Governor's Inaugural Address, of which fifteen hundred copies may be printed without special order.

Leave to report in print shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

No printing, except as aforesaid, and no binding or engraving shall be ordered, except upon the report of the Joint Committee on Printing, accepted by the Legislature.

Bills, reports, and other documents, printed under the general order of either House, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: Two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in either branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's office; six copies to the State Library; and when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the Committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files, to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said Joint Committee.

[No. 4.]

THE OATH OF OFFICE.

[See page 4.]

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *So help me, God.*

AFFIRMATION.

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly affirm, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, do solemnly affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, , do solemnly affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

[No. 5.]

QUESTIONS OF ORDER.

[The figures in the following paragraphs refer to the page of the Journal on which the question and decision are entered.]

That an amendment proposing to extend the provisions of a bill beyond the scope of the petition upon which said bill was reported cannot be considered. 390.

That, under House Rule 47, a bill which has been rejected by the House and is thereafter received from the Senate, in substantially the same form, as an amendment to a House bill, cannot be further acted upon by the House. 416.

That, under House Rule 47, a bill may be received from the Senate and considered by the House, notwithstanding the fact that the subject-matter of said bill has been under consideration by a House committee, and the House has accepted the report of that committee that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject. 424–5.

That it is too late to raise the point of order that a bill has been improperly introduced, after the House has taken deliberate action on the bill, as by ordering it to a third reading. 463–5.

That a matter referred by one General Court to the next, cannot, when called up in the General Court to which it is so referred, be considered new business, within the intent and subject to the provisions of Joint Rule 20. 466–73.

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